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For: Electrolyte for Metal-Oxygen Battery and Method for Its Preparation

DECLARATION OF JEFFREY A. READ OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES TO OVERCOME A CITED REFERENCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.131

I, Jeffrey A. Read, declare as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of the invention disclosed in the above-identified application for patent.
2. This declaration is to establish completion of the invention being claimed in the above-referenced application in the United States at a date prior to October 5, 2001, which is the effective date of U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0091774 A1 (Narang, *et al.*) that was cited in the Final Office Action, mailed August 30, 2006.
3. I understand that pending claims 13-17 of the pending application have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0091774 A1 (Narang, *et al.*). I further understand that while U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0091774 A1 (Narang, *et al.*) was Filed on 4 October 2002, it claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/327,468, which was Filed on 5 October 2001.

4. I state that I have worked extensively in the area lithium-ion and lithium-air batteries for over 7 years in my current position within the Sensors and Electron Devices Directorate, Directed Energy Branch, Army Research Laboratory (ARL). I believe my invention was reduced to practice prior to the filing date of Narang, *et al.* on 5 October 2001. As evidence of my reduction to practice prior to 5 October 2001, attached at Appendix A is a copy of the Invention Disclosure submitted to the ARL Legal office on 2 May 2001. As further evidence of my reduction to practice I am submitting copies of pages 89, 91-95, 97-98, and 100 of notebook number 3 (No. 8830) and pages 1-8, 11-28, and 32-34 of notebook number 4 (No. 8115), which are attached as Exhibit B.

5. I state that the above-referenced application was filed on my behalf on July 29, 2003, and that I had no control over the processing, and Filing of the Application, which was under the control of the ARL Legal Office and the Center for Patent Prosecution Excellence at Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), Fort Belvoir, Virginia, after I submitted the Invention disclosure to the Legal Office. I exercised due diligence in submitting an invention disclosure and causing the above-referenced patent application to be filed, and, to the best of my knowledge, due diligence was exercised by the Legal Office, Headquarters AMC, and the law firm contracted with to prepare a Draft Patent Application for submission to Headquarters AMC for review and Filing.

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Army Research Laboratory Invention Disclosure

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INVENTION TITLE: Electrolytes for Lithium-Air Cell

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INVENTION HISTORY:

- a) DATE of Conception of the Invention: March 27, 2001
- b) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- c) DATE of First Sketch/Drawing:
- d) PLACE:
- e) DATE of First Written Description of Invention: March 30, 2001
- f) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- g) DATE of First Disclosure to Others: April 27, 2001
- h) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- i) DATE of Completion of Model (if any):
- j) PLACE:
- k) DATE of Completion of Full Scale Item: April 5, 2001
- l) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- m) DATE of First Test of Invention: April 9, 2001
- n) PLACE: Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD
- o) RESULTS of First Test: 1M LiPF₆ EC:DMC > 1M LiPF₆ γ-Butyrolactone > 1M LiPF₆ Propylene Carbonate

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LIST INDIVIDUALS HAVING FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE INVENTION HISTORY:
List their names, address and the features of the invention they have knowledge of

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

LABORATORY NOTEBOOK DATA:

List the lab notebook number and pages where the invention is described
Notebook #3 (No. 8830), p.89, 91-95, 97-98, 100.
Notebook #4 (No. 8115), p. 1-8, 11-28, 32-34.

PUBLICATION OF THE INVENTION:

If a description of the invention has been published, list the type of publication and the dates. Also, identify any further planned reports or publications. If none, so state. None

LIST ANY KNOWN RELATED PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS or PATENT APPLICATIONS:

Also identify any previous reports, drawings, publications, or correspondence describing or showing the invention. List any known closely related patents, patent applications, reports, publications, devices, or methods. If none, so state.

- K.M. Abraham and Z. Jiang, US Patent 5,510,209
- K.M. Abraham and Z. Jiang, J. Electrochem. Soc., 143 (1996) p.1

IS AN EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION? Yes

If so, where? Army Research Center, Adelphi Laboratory Center, Adelphi, MD

NATURE AND EXTENT OF PAST USE, PRESENT USE, AND FUTURE USE:

Past: None

Present: Laboratory Cells

Future: Batteries for Military and Commercial Applications

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION:

Provide the following information concerning the disclosed invention and in the indicated sequence:

A. Specifically describe the invention and its operation. You may use and attach copies of sketches, prints, photographs, paper, and illustrations, which should be signed, witnessed and dated. Use numbers and descriptive names in descriptions and drawings. For inventions that are methods list the steps involved in the method. For inventions that are apparatus describe all the elements.

The invention is a series of electrolytes and electrolyte solvents used in an electrochemical cell where the cathode has access to oxygen from the air or other source. Additionally, the invention is a method of choosing electrolytes and electrolyte solvents used in an electrochemical cell where the cathode has access to oxygen from the air or other source.

Propylene carbonate(PC), γ -butyrolactone(g-BL), ethylene carbonate(EC), dimethyl carbonate (DMC), 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME), tetrahydrofuran (THF), and

tetrahydropyran (THP) were used individually or in combination to prepare electrolyte mixtures with LiPF_6 salt. Figure 1 compares the voltage versus capacity curves of lithium-air cells at $0.2\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2$ with 1M LiPF_6 electrolytes made from these of solvents. Figure 2 compares the specific capacity of a series of lithium-air cells at 0.05 , 0.2 and $1.0\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2$ with this same series of electrolytes.

From figures 1 and 2 it can be observed that the discharge capacity and rate capability of the lithium air cell is directly related to the electrolyte used. By comparing the solubility of oxygen in these solvent mixtures



to the discharge capacity and rate capability of the lithium air cells



it is observed that the ability of the electrolyte to dissolve oxygen is directly related to the performance of the lithium air cell. The solubility of oxygen in EC:DMC and PC:DME is not known at this time. Higher oxygen solubility leads to higher discharge capacity and rate capability. By choosing solvents and salts that improve the solubility of oxygen in the electrolyte, the capacity and rate capability of the lithium-air cell can be improved. The solvents and salts that can be chosen are not limited to the ones mentioned in this disclosure but could include solvents such as perfluorobutylperfluorotetrahydrofuran (FC-80) which is known to have high oxygen solubility. Various salts and additives could also be used to improve oxygen solubility.

The lithium-air cell operates based on the principle that the air cathode (composed of a catalytic material such as a carbon black: Super P, Vulcan XC-72, or Acetylene Black; or other catalytic material such as MnO_2), reduces oxygen from the air in an organic electrolyte based electrochemical cell. The catalytic material in the air electrode reduces O_2 to O_2^{-2} or O^{-2} . The reduced oxygen then reacts with lithium to form Li_2O_2 or Li_2O that deposits on the surface and in the pores of the air electrode. The operating voltage for such a cell is 2.0 - 2.8V , while the open circuit voltage is 2.85V . The catalytic material provides numerous sites for the deposition of Li_2O_2 or Li_2O due to a large surface area.

B. State the advantages of the invention over presently known devices, systems or processes. Also discuss/provide a background of the prior art.

Metal-Air batteries using aqueous electrolytes are well known with Iron/air, Zinc/air and Aluminum/air being the most studied. The zinc/air battery has been commercialized for hearing aid devices and pagers. Abraham and Jiang^{1,2} recently described a lithium-air battery using organic electrolyte. This battery utilizes a carbon cathode (graphite, acetylene black) that reduces oxygen to form Li_2O_2 or Li_2O as described above.

The lithium-air cell operates based on the principle that the air cathode (composed of a catalytic material such as a carbon black: Super P, Vulcan XC-72, or Acetylene Black; or other catalytic material such as MnO_2), reduces oxygen from the air in an organic electrolyte based electrochemical cell. The catalytic material in the air electrode reduces O_2 to O_2^{-2} or O^{-2} . The reduced oxygen then reacts with lithium to form Li_2O_2 or Li_2O that deposits on the surface and in the pores of the air electrode. The operating voltage for such a cell is 2.0 - 2.8V ,

while the open circuit voltage is 2.85V. The catalytic material provides numerous sites for the deposition of Li_2O_2 or Li_2O due to a large surface area.

The advantage of this invention over presently known devices is that the capacity and rate capability of the presently known devices can be improved by choice of electrolytes and electrolyte solvents. The discharge capacity and rate capability are directly related to the ability of the electrolyte solvent to dissolve oxygen. By properly choosing the electrolyte solvents from the list above or from any list of solvents known to be stable in an organic electrolyte based lithium-air cell, the discharge capacity and rate capability of the lithium air cell can be improved.

C. Discuss the problems which the invention is designed to solve, referring to any prior invention of a similar nature with which you may be familiar.

The invention is designed to solve the problem of providing more energy to portable devices. Storing more capacity in less weight is a desirable property of any new electrochemical system. This invention succeeds in providing more capacity and better rate capability.

D. List all known and other possible uses for the invention. **None**

E. List the features of the invention that are believed to be novel.

- 1) The invention provides a series of electrolytes that improve the capacity and rate capability of the organic electrolyte based lithium air cell.
- 2) The invention provides a method of choosing electrolytes that improve the capacity and rate capability of the organic electrolyte based lithium air cell.

SIGNATURE OF ALL INVENTORS:

All inventors must sign and date this document.

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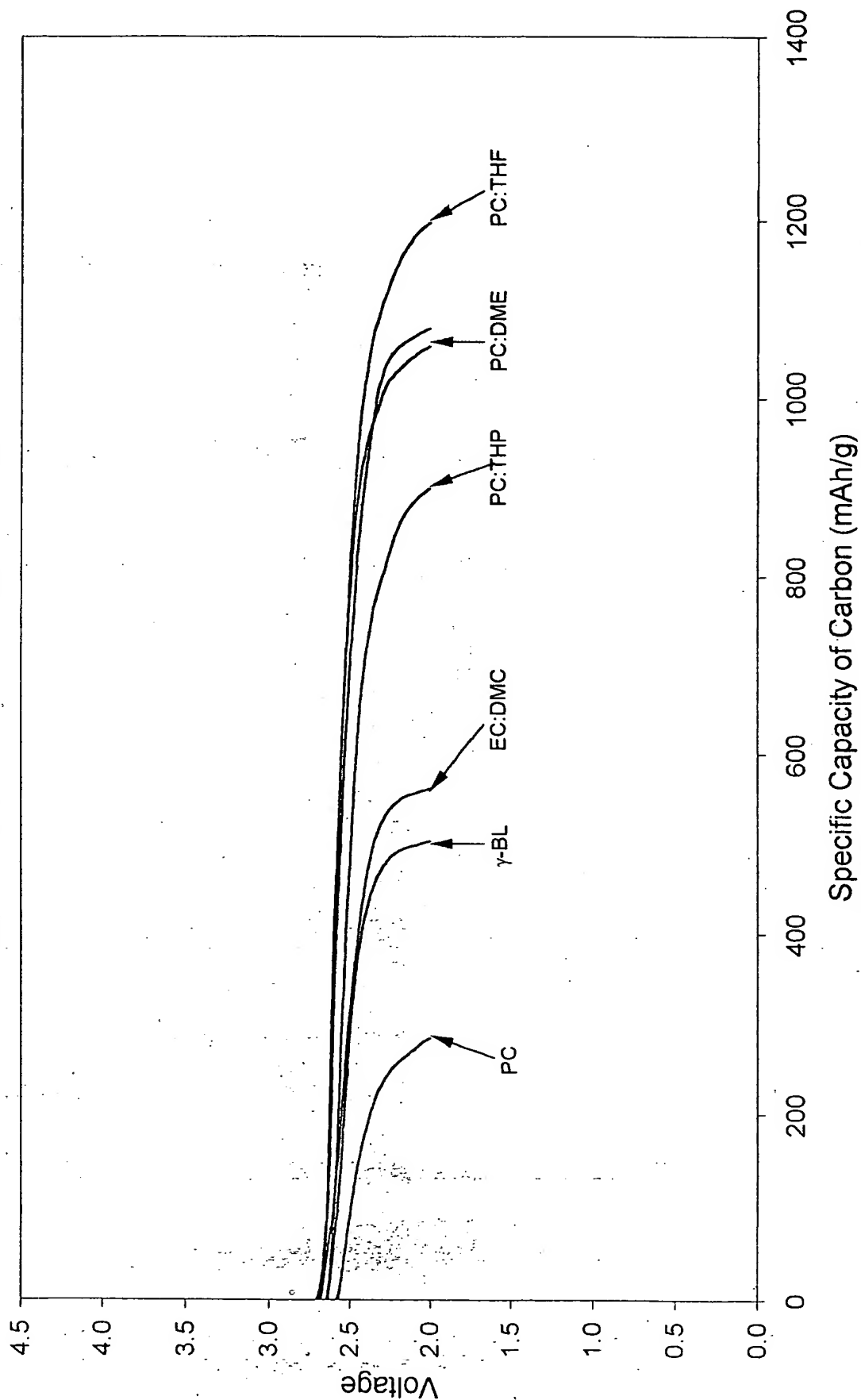
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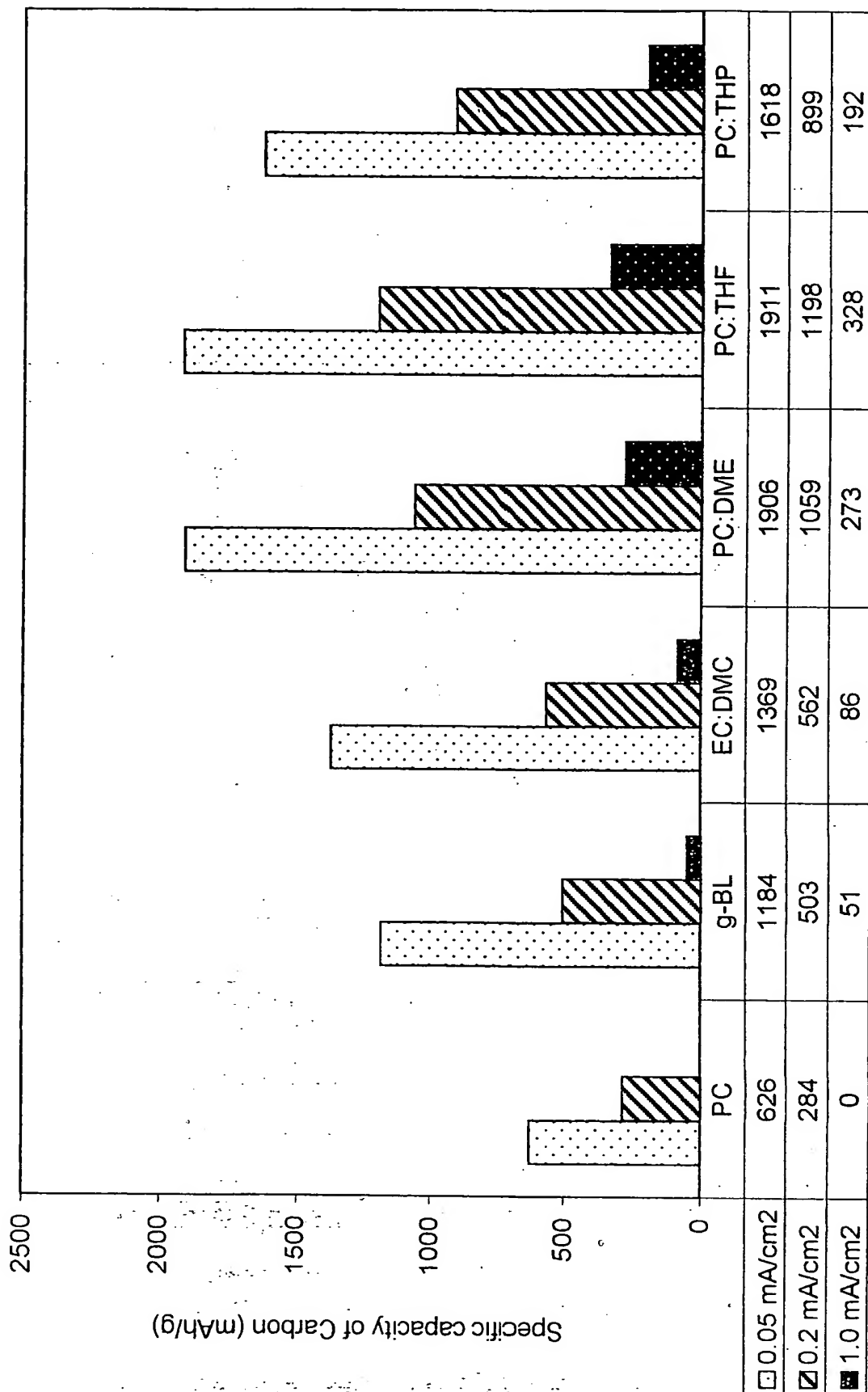
² US Patent 5,510,209

Figure 1
(Specific Capacity of Carbon @ 0.2 mA/cm²)



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Figure 2



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Lithium - Air Cathodes

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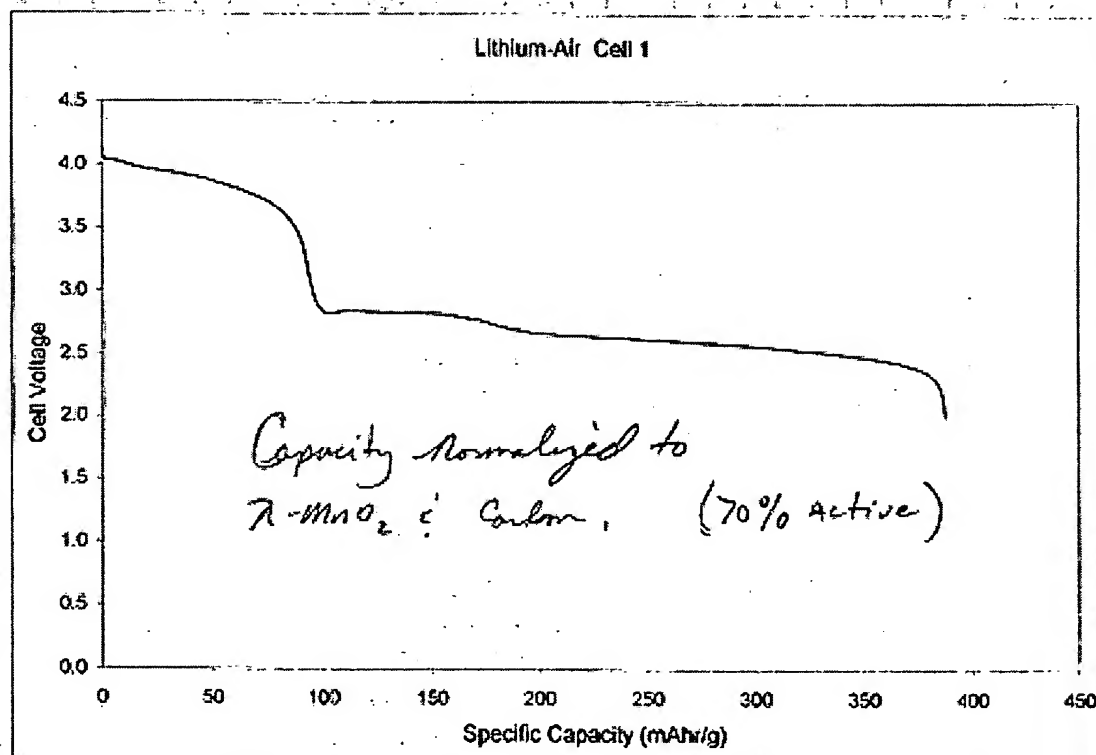
Initial Test Cell - 50% γ - MnO_2 , 20% Super P, 30% Kynar 2801

Capacity = 21.9 mAh.

Cathode wt \approx .0806 g (70% Active)

→ When disassembled, the cathode appeared to have circles on the lithium side of the cathode where the air holes were situated on the back side of the cathode. The cathode was hard in this area when examined, while areas not exposed to air holes were soft.

→ Cell: Li° , Calgard 2300, 3M LiPF₆ PC/DME (1:1), Air cathode on Al Grid, O_2 (pure) in the gas.

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Lithium - Air Cathode

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$2-MnO_2$ (Aw-46) = 25.0%
 Super P = 15.0%
 Kynar 2801 = 20.0%
 DBP = 40.0%

$2-MnO_2$ (Aw-46) = 8.4538 g
 Super P = 5.0713 g
 Kynar 2801 = 6.7282 g
 DBP = 13.4261 g

Acetone = 102.44 g + 10 g

gap = 1.194 mm

Lot #: N3 P91A

Initial Formula

$2-MnO_2$ (Aw-46) = 25%
 Super P = 15%
 Kynar 2801 = 20%
 DBP = 40% \leq Increase to 70%

$2-MnO_2$ (Aw-46) = 12.5%
 Super P = 7.5%
 Kynar 2801 = 10.0%
 DBP = 70%

$2-MnO_2$ = 8.3261 g
 Super P = 5.1085 g
 Kynar 2801 = 6.7095 g
 DBP = 46.5779 g

Acetone = 73.5 g + 42.8 g - 10.2 g = 106.1 g

Gap 1 = 1.194 mm
 Gap 2 = 2.286 mm

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2-MnO₂ = 18.75%
 Super P = 11.25%
 Graph 280 = 15%
 DBP = 55%

2-MnO₂ = 8.3101g (1.00-46) (18.64%)
 Super P = ~~5.0001g~~ 5.1027g (11.46%)
 Graph 280 = 6.8363g (15.33%)
 DBP = 24.3324g (54.57%)
44.5865 g total

Acetone = 82.5g + 7.7g

Cast @ 1.84 mm x 2.286 mm

Dried to 10 mils ± 24 mils

Lot # N3P92A

Cell Build - (5 cm² cell)

| Cell # | Cath wt. | OCV | E ₀ dis. Imp. 10H ₂ O | 1/2/01 | | | 1/8/01 | | |
|--------|----------|-------|---|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | Before | 19.8°C | 19.8°C | 21.2°C | 22.0°C | 22.0°C |
| | | | | wt. in air | wt. in water | wt. in water | wt. in water | wt. in water | wt. in water |
| LA1 | 1.704g | 4.14V | 675 | 14.82g | -36.37g | -46.22g | -37.50g | -34.0g | -34.0g |
| LA2 | 3641g | Start | | | | | | | |
| LA3 | 7.266g | 4.13V | 5452 | 15.34g | -37.07g | -56.81g | -37.50g | -34.0g | -34.0g |

Cathode Lot # N3P92A
 LA1 & LA2 @ 300P, 1 pass
 Extract 3X in MeOH for 30 min
 Dried under vacuum 2 hrs. 2:00 - 4:00 pm
 Activated in bowl of 2M LiPF₆ PC-DME (Lot # N3P84B)
 Measured impedance after overnight rest 1/3/01, Filled by w. O₂
 Put on to discharge at 1 mA/cm² to 2V PC-XIR and Test.
 Measured O₂ volume change.

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O₂ volume vs. mAh Capacity

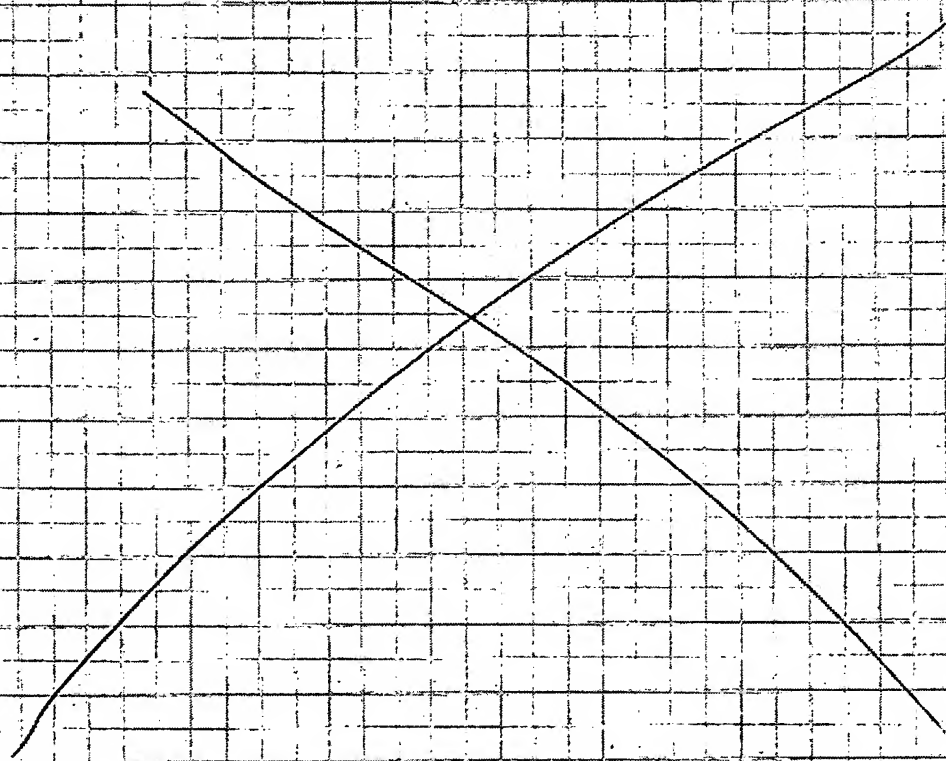
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4e⁻ - Assume 4e⁻ reaction for reduction of O₂. ($4\text{Li} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Li}_2\text{O}$)

$$\frac{4 \text{ moles } e^-}{\text{mole O}_2} \times \frac{96500 \text{ C}}{\text{mole } e^-} \times \frac{1 \text{ mole O}_2}{22.4 \text{ L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ liter}}{1000 \text{ ml}} \times \frac{1 \text{ A}}{1 \text{ C/s}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mAh}}{\text{Ah}}$$

2e⁻ - Assume 2e⁻ reaction for reduction of O₂. ($2\text{Li} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$)

$$\frac{2.40 \text{ mAh}}{\text{ml}} \text{ or } \frac{.418 \text{ ml}}{\text{mAh}}$$



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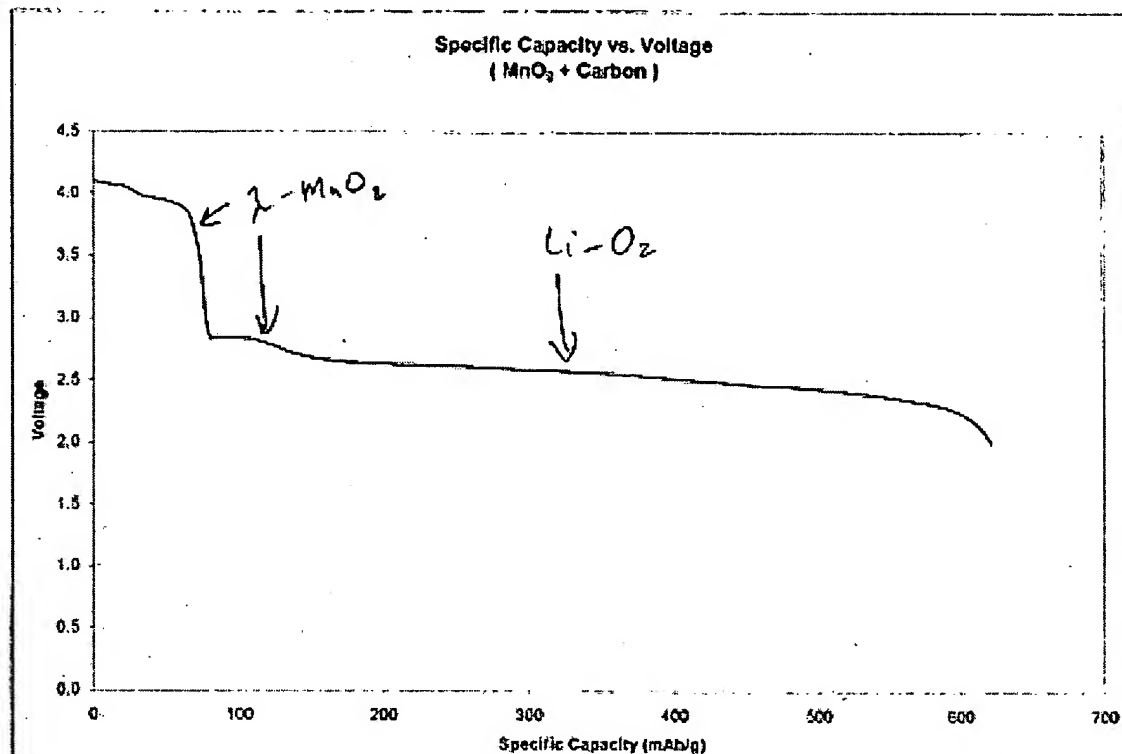
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Discharge Profiles of Lithium-Air cell. (LA1) 1/8/01

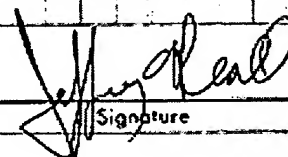
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1/8/01Cell discharged at 1 mA/cm^2 to 2V.

Active weight = 0.513 g

Total Capacity = 31.93 mAh

The voltage curve shows both the 2-MnO_2 discharge profile and the Li-O_2 discharge voltage profile.The gas volume change associated with the discharge was indicative of the formation of Li_2O_2 , as shown on the next page. The OCV measured by ^{in situ} at the end of discharge seems to indicate that the discharge product is Li_2O_2 .

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Calculation of $2e^-$ or $4e^-$ discharge reaction - 1/8

The volume measurements on LA1 were used to determine whether Li_2O_2 or Li_2O were being formed on discharge.

The OCV indicated Li_2O formation.

The gas volume measurements indicated Li_2O_2 formation.

Before Discharge

Before Wt in Air (g) = 14.82
 Wt in Water (g) = -46.22
 Pressure (mm Hg) = 761
 Temperature (C) = 19.8
 Corrected Initial Gas Volume = 45.79
 Uncorrected Initial Gas Volume = 49.04

After Discharge

Wt in Water (g) = -37.50
 Pressure (mm Hg) = 749
 Temperature (C) = 21.2
 Corrected Final Gas Volume = 36.87
 Uncorrected Final Gas Volume = 40.32

Change in Gas Volume (Corrected) = 8.91
 Change in Gas Volume (Uncorrected) = 8.72

Calculate mAh due to Lambda = 7.941 at 250 mAh/g
 Total Cell Capacity = 31.93
 mAh/g Due to Air = 23.989
 mAh/ml = 2.69

mAh/ml (2 electron reaction) = 2.4
 mAh/ml (4 electron reaction) = 4.8

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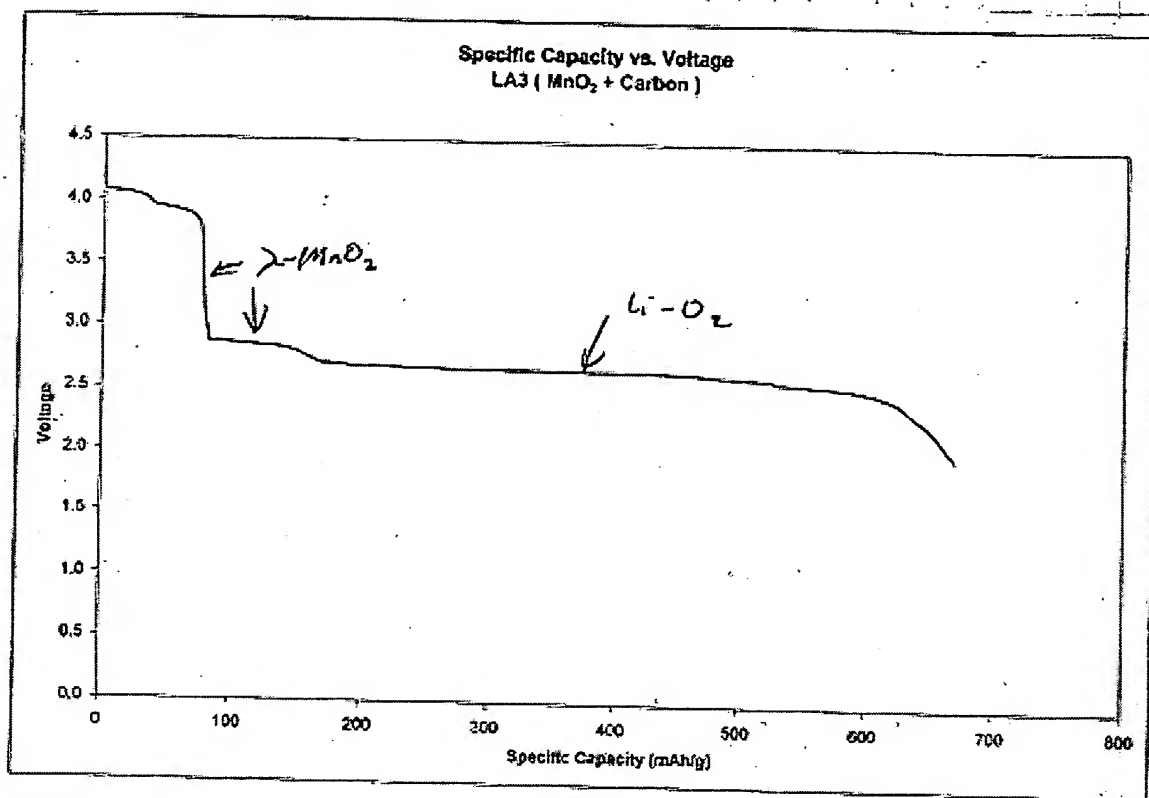
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Discharge Profile of Lithium-Air Battery LA3 1/16/01

LA3 (SC1)

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Cell Discharged at 1 mA to 2.0V
Active wt. = 2187 g
Total Capacity = 146.696 mAh

The gas volume change is indicative of a 2e⁻ reaction for oxygen reduction i.e. the formation of Li₂O₂, as shown on the next page.

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Determination of $2e^-$ or $4e^-$ reaction - Li-Air 1/16/51

Before Discharge

| | LA1 | LA3 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Before Wt in Air (g) = | 14.82 | 15.34 |
| Wt in Water (g) = | -46.22 | -56.81 |
| Pressure (mm Hg) = | 761 | 761 |
| Temperature (C) = | 19.8 | 19.8 |
| Corrected Initial Gas Volume = | 45.79 | 56.16 |
| Uncorrected Initial Gas Volume = | 49.04 | 60.15 |

After Discharge

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Wt in Water (g) = | -37.50 | -11.32 |
| Pressure (mm Hg) = | 749 | 754.8 |
| Temperature (C) = | 21.2 | 22.2 |
| Corrected Final Gas Volume = | 36.87 | 13.47 |
| Uncorrected Final Gas Volume = | 40.32 | 14.66 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Change in Gas Volume (Corrected) = | 8.91 | 42.69 |
| Change in Gas Volume (Uncorrected) = | 8.72 | 45.49 |

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|----|-----|-------|
| Calculate mAh due to Lambda = | 7.941 | 33.860 | at | 250 | mAh/g |
| Total Cell Capacity = | 31.93 | 146.696 | | | |
| mAh/g Due to Air = | 23.989 | 112.837 | | | |
| mAh/ml = | 2.69 | 2.64 | | | |
| mAh/ml (2 electron reaction) = | 2.4 | 2.4 | | | |
| mAh/ml (4 electron reaction) = | 4.8 | 4.8 | | | |

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Li-Air Plug Type Electrodes

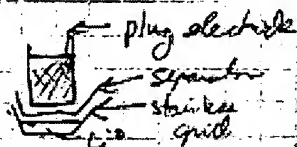
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Electrodes were built by placing a plug of electrode material inside a $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter fused tube 2.5 cm long, and placing glass rods in each end to compress the plug while being heated to 135°C .

The plug is heated for ~5 minutes until it bonds to itself.

The plug is then extracted in MeOH 3X for 20 minutes and dried under vacuum at 100°C for 2 hours.

The plug is wrapped in Aluminium grid and placed back in the glass tube and a 2 electrode cell is built vs. Li metal.



Tube dia = $235'' = 59.9\text{ cm}$
Tube X-Area = $.280\text{ cm}^2$

The plug electrode is held to the separator/lithium with an insulated wire and placed in a foil bag. Electrolyte is added to the cell with electrolyte being added directly to the plug electrode. The excess electrolyte is removed from the plug area and the bag is sealed with 2 leads coming out for electrical connection. The bag is cut open at one end and O_2 is put in and the bag is resealed.

The plug is put on test at 1 mA/cm^2 .

Electrode material used: N3P91B Electrolyte: N3P80B (same to CAP3)

| Cell# | Cath wt. | OCV | Resistance (ohms) | Before wt. on air | wt. @ 23°C under (51 mth) | Discharge | After in air | in a |
|-------|---------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|---|-----------|--------------|------|
| LAP1 | .1612 g cath. | 4.11 | 761 Ω | 11.82 g | -63.95 | 30 mth | 11.82 g | -57 |
| LAP2 | .1549 g cath. | 4.12 | 1022 Ω | 12.66 g | -77.61 | 42 mth | 12.68 g | -86 |
| LAP3 | .1481 g cath. | 4.11 | 1063 Ω | 10.18 g | -59.74 | fully | 10.21 g | -35 |

| | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| LAP1 | Discharge Air portion | 25% | Total Discharge | 30 mth | Prgrm | PCX1RM |
| LAP2 | Discharge Air portion | 50% | Total Discharge | 42 mth | Prgrm | PCX1RM |
| LAP3 | Discharge Air portion | 100% | Total Discharge | 67 mth | Prgrm | PCX1RO |

*Discharge at 20.0°C

Status: 3/21/01 cells LAP1 & LAP2 are discharged
LAP3 still discharging

4/8/01 cell finished, wts taken in air & water

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Li-Air Cells - Rate Study & Argon Blanks. 1/19/01

Cathode: N3P92A (Both 10 & 24 mils)
 Electrolyte: 1M LiPF₆ PC:DME (1:1) Lot: N3P90B

| Cell # | Cap (mF) | Cap (mF) |
|--------|----------|----------|
| LA4 | 10.9 | 19019 |
| LA5 | 11.0 | 1920 |
| LA6 | 10.9 | 1905 |
| LA7 | 10.9 | 1939 |
| LA8 | 11.0 | 1966 |
| LA9 | 10.9 | 1944 |
| LA10 | 10.9 | 1929 |
| LA11 | 10.9 | 1933 |
| LA14 | 23.5 | 3851 |
| LA15 | 23.6 | 3820 |
| LA16 | 23.5 | 3935 |
| LA17 | 23.5 | 3743 |
| LA18 | 23.2 | 3802 |
| LA19 | 24.1 | 3850 |
| LA12 | 23.6 | 3849 |
| LA13 | 23.8 | 3870 |

LA11 @ 300°F, 1 pass on treated Al grid.
 Extracted 3X in MeOH for 30 minutes each time.

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Dried cathodes in 100°C oven for 2 hours.

Built into test cells in lithium and argon separator. Used 3-4 ties per cathode to hold it flat.

Sealed in foil laminate -

~6 ml of 1M LiPF₆ PC:DME Lot: N3P90B for each cell.

Cells for Rate Study: LA6, LA7, LA8, LA9, LA10 "light"
 LA14, LA15, LA16, LA17, LA18, "Heavy"

Cells for Argon Study: LA11, LA19

Hold backs: LA4, LA5
 LA12, LA13

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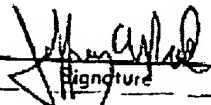
Li-Air Rate Study (20°C)

| Cell # | Z'e 1042 | wt in Air | wt. in water | Discharge Rate | 1/31/01 wt in water | 2/1/01 wt. in water | 2/8/01 weight in water |
|--------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| LA6 | 73.25 | 15.35g | -70.80 | .05 mA/cm ² | still disch. | -54.01g | |
| LA7 | 67.52 | 14.59 | -35.12 | 1 mA/cm ² | -22.84 | | |
| LA8 | 71.75 | 14.91 | -81.02 | 2 mA/cm ² | -74.19 | | |
| LA9 | 65.75 | 14.85 | -62.88 | 5 mA/cm ² | -60.57 | | |
| LA10 | 66.02 | 15.88 | -62.00 | 1.0 mA/cm ² | -61.80 | | |
| LA14 | 69.75 | 14.78 | -90.63 | .05 mA/cm ² | still disch. | | -59.49g |
| LA15 | 60.62 | 15.17 | -135.81 | 1 mA/cm ² | -114.18 | | |
| LA16 | 60.55 | 14.61 | -180.48 | 2 mA/cm ² | -107.54 | | |
| LA17 | 59.75 | 15.09 | -106.45 | 5 mA/cm ² | -103.06 | | |
| LA18 | 62.75 | 14.77g | -93.79 | 1.0 mA/cm ² | -72.56 | | |
| | | | 21.0°C | | 22.3°C | 22.1°C | 24.0°C |
| | | | 760 mmHg | | 744 mmHg | 756 mmHg | 761.8 mmHg |

Li-Air Argon Blends Study (20°C)

| <u>Cell #</u> | <u>Z'e</u> <u>662</u> | <u>wt in</u> <u>Air</u> | <u>wt in</u> <u>water</u> | <u>Discharge</u> <u>rate</u> | <u>1/31/01</u> <u>wt in</u> <u>water</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| LA11 | 42.15 | 14.53g | -15.18 | 1 mA/cm ² | -15.61 |
| LA19 | 74.95 | 14.98g | -16.10 | 1 mA/cm ² | -16.31 |
| | | | 21.0°C | | 22.3°C |
| | | | 760 mmHg | | 744 mmHg |

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Casting Air electrodes

Vulcan XC-72

Black Pearls

Cast #1

Vulcan XC-72 = 13.4603 g (30.24%)
 Kynar 2801 = 6.8443 g (15.38%)
 DBP = 24.2008 g
 Acetone = 48.94 g

45.62%

Dry mix, Add Acetone / DBP mix, blend for 30 seconds on setting 1
 lumpy mixture - cast @ 1.194 mm & 2.286 mm

Lot: N4P3A

Lumpy FILM - LAMINATES WELL

Cast #2

Black Pearls 2000 = 13.3641 g
 Kynar 2801 = 6.8850 g
 DBP = 24.2121 g
 Acetone = 109 g

Cast @ 2.286 mm, Thick paste, FILM CRACKED.

Li-Air Cells Carbon Surface Area Study

| Cell # | Lowest Cell Th. | Cell wt. | Cathode Lot # N4P3A | Rate | 200 Hz | OCV | wt in Air | 1/25/01 | 1/31/01 |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
| LA20 | 42 mils | 5810 | | 0.5 mA/cm ² | 34.85 | 3.2858V | 16.16g | -103.15g | 174.1g |
| LA21 | 44 mils | 5805 | | 1 mA/cm ² | 40.92 | 3.2871V | 15.88g | -56.86g | 175.1g |
| LA22 | 40 mils | 5427 | | 2 mA/cm ² | 32.82 | 3.2724V | 14.68g | -186.02g | 170.1g |
| LA23 | 43 mils | 5837 | | 5 mA/cm ² | 32.75 | 3.2871V | 15.23g | -120.30g | 113.1g |
| LA24 | 40 mils | 5484 | | 1.0 mA/cm ² | 42.55 | 3.2904V | 14.35g | -121.01g | 118.1g |

LAM @ 300E, 1 pass on treated Al grid
 Extract 3x in methanol
 dry at 100°C under vacuum for 12 hours
 Seal in foil bags w/ Lithium Anode
 Add ~6 grams of 1M LiPF₆ PC:DMC (1:1) Lot N3P908
 Measure impedance after 1 1/2 hrs
 Add Pure O₂
 Discharge at .05, 1, 2, 5, 1.0 mA/cm²

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LA21Li-Air cell LA21 was stopped on 1/31/01 to add more O_2 .Stopped \rightarrow wt in water = $-28.24g$ \rightarrow Added O_2 \rightarrow wt in Air = $14.86g$ \rightarrow wt in water =After Discharge: wt in water = $-37.85g$ $\leftarrow 22.8^\circ C$ $751 mmHg$ $22.3^\circ C$
 $749 mmHg$ LA22, LA23, LA24 - (were) placed back on test after they were weighed in water at $0.5 mA/cm^2$ to see what the low rate capacity is.

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Li-Air Cell (Practical)* 2-16 cm² cathodes on Li central anode

Cathode: N4P3A

Cathode wt total = $7.45g - .19g - .23g = 7.03g$

Laminated thickness 65-75 mils

Li Anode wt = $63g$

Separator: Rayovac Type Absorber

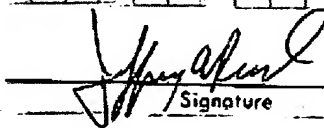
Electrodes Cracked when trying to build cell. Only $1/2$ cell ($1/2$ of cath.) was used.Pinhole in package to allow O_2 entryImpedance $\sim 10.5 \Omega @ 10 Hz$

Cell = LA25

Discharge at $0.2 mA/cm^2 = 1.6 mA$

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→ Put LA8 on charge/discharge cycling for 10 cycles to see if it will recharge

Teflon Cathode Prep

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Super P = 3.6620 g

IPA/water = 14 ml IPA to 30 ml water

17 ml of IPA/water mix added to Super P

Teflon Emulsion = 2.8378 g (0.5% Solids)

Teflon Emulsion + DI Water = 17.3854 g (10.03% Solids soln.)

Add 3 ml of Teflon/DI Water mix in 4 ml Aliquots. (9.05% C, 8.95% T)

Mix Paste after each Aliquot

Paste onto Treated Al grids

Put on blotting paper w/ weight then copy paper + wt

Allow to dry with weight overnight

→ Cathodes checked today 2/2/01
 → Pressed on Carver at 4000 & 7000 pounds for 16 cm² size coating.
 → built into Li-Air cell

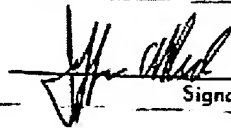
| Cell # | cat. g wt | pressed at | 2" d. w/te | grid w/te |
|--------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| LA26 | 0.886g | 7000 lb | 10.952 | |
| LA27 | 1.182g | 7000 lb | 17.22 | |
| LA28 | 1.685g | 4000 lb | 19.752 | |
| LA29 | 1.612g | 4000 lb | 31.052 | |

Activated in 60 ml of 1M LiPF₆ PC:DMC 1:1 N2/P2O5

Run impedance

Filled = O₂Tested at .5 mA/cm²

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Cells in Teflon cathodes - Additional Testing

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Cells LA27, 28 & 29 were put back on test to discharge at 5 mA after being recharged to various potentials at 2 mA/cm².

| Cell | Charge to | Test | File name |
|------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| LA27 | 3.20V | RCX5-A | LA27B |
| LA28 | 3.50V | RCX5-B | CA27C |
| LA29 | 4.15V | RCX5-C | LA27D |

Cell LA26 was destroyed.

Preparation of 10% solid Teflon solution

2/6/01

Teflon 30 Emulsion (61.5% solids) = 36.8713 g

D.I. water = ~~191.91 g~~ 191.91 g

$$\frac{36.8713 \times 61.5}{(191.91 + 36.87)}$$

$$\frac{36.8713 \times 61.5 \times 100}{(191.91 + 36.87)} = \boxed{9.91\% \text{ Teflon}}$$

Preparation of Teflon paste for cathodes

2/6/01

IPA/water = 13.7 ml IPA diluted to 39 ml with D.I. water

Super P = 3.0986 g

20 ml of IPA/water added to Super P + 7 ml

Teflon 30 (10% Emulsion - 9.91% actual) = 1.06 g + 1.08 g + 1.06 g

Mix to shiny paste. over

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Teflonated electrodes

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| 8/31 grid | grid wt. |
|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | .0375 |
| 2 | .0403 |
| 3 | .0408 |
| 4 | .0401 |
| 5 | .0399 |
| 6 | .0390 |

The Supa P/TEFlon 30 paste from P.G. was coated onto the Aluminum grids 1-6 above. The paste was put on both sides of the grid and then a 23 mil shim was used to make a level, constant thickness electrode. The excess paste was squeezed out. The electrodes were between Al foil during the leveling process and then left there to dry under a constant weight at 85°C in a constant temperature oven. When dried the electrodes cracked and upon pressing flaking they did not form good electrodes.

Impedance measurements on discharged cells

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| Cell | After Discharge | | Before Discharge | |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Imp. @ 10Hz | Imp. @ 3x10 ⁴ Hz | Imp. @ 10Hz | Imp. @ 3x10 ⁴ Hz |
| LA8 | 35.0 Ω | .090 Ω | 71.7 Ω | .100 Ω |
| LA1 | 31.6 Ω | .102 Ω | 67.0 Ω | .110 Ω |
| LA3 | 32.5 Ω | .095 Ω | 53.8 Ω | .111 Ω |
| LA6 | 45.1 Ω | .091 Ω | 73.2 Ω | .096 Ω |
| LA7 | 49.9 Ω | .095 Ω | 67.5 Ω | .099 Ω |
| LA9 | 57.6 Ω | .095 Ω | 65.7 Ω | .101 Ω |
| LA10 | 58.3 Ω | .096 Ω | 66.0 Ω | .097 Ω |
| LA11 | 34.6 Ω | .099 Ω | 42.1 Ω | .102 Ω |
| LA14 | 46.5 Ω | .094 Ω | 68.2 Ω | .103 Ω |
| LA15 | 43.4 Ω | .093 Ω | 60.6 Ω | .101 Ω |
| LA16 | 55.9 Ω | .093 Ω | 60.5 Ω | .101 Ω |
| LA17 | 56.7 Ω | .069 Ω ??? | 52.7 Ω | .106 Ω |
| LA18 | 49.1 Ω | .094 Ω | 62.7 Ω | .101 Ω |
| LA19 | 67.3 Ω | .092 Ω | 74.9 Ω | .103 Ω |
| LA21 | 27.8 Ω | .093 Ω | 40.9 Ω | .097 Ω |
| LA27 | 44.0 Ω | .096 Ω | 17.6 Ω | .096 Ω |
| LA28 | 22.7 Ω | .100 Ω | 19.7 Ω | .095 Ω |
| LA29 | 8.7 Ω | .094 Ω | 31.0 Ω | |

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Cut-off Voltage Studies of Li-O₂ cells

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Cells LA 4, 5, 12 & 13 (pl) were activated by adding ~ 6ml of 1MURF₆ PC:DME (1:1) (cat # NSP90B).

Cells will be charged and discharged between 2 different voltages

LA 4, LA 12 - 4.15V to 2.0V

LA 5, LA 13 - 4.15V to 2.5V

| Cell | Imp _{10Hz} | OCV | Test | Channel | Test |
|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| LA 4 | 62.9Ω | 4.118 | 4.15V → 2.0V | 1 | LAX1B |
| LA 5 | 33.3Ω | 4.114 | 4.15V → 2.5V | 32, Aux 1 | LAX1C |
| LA 12 | 52.5Ω | 4.117 | 4.15V → 2.0V | 3 | LAX1B |
| LA 13 | 53.6Ω | 4.119 | 4.15V → 2.5V | 5 | LAX1A |

LA 5 - wt in air before cycling = 13.87g

LA 5 - wt in water before cycling = 160.95g (752.5mmHg, 23.1°C)

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Cells LA 27, LA 28 and LA 29 were put back on discharge at 1.0 after the impedance testing on 2/13/01.

| Cell | Test | Filename |
|-------|-------|----------|
| LA 27 | PCX1R | LA27C |
| LA 28 | PCX1R | LA28C |
| LA 29 | PCX1A | LA29C |

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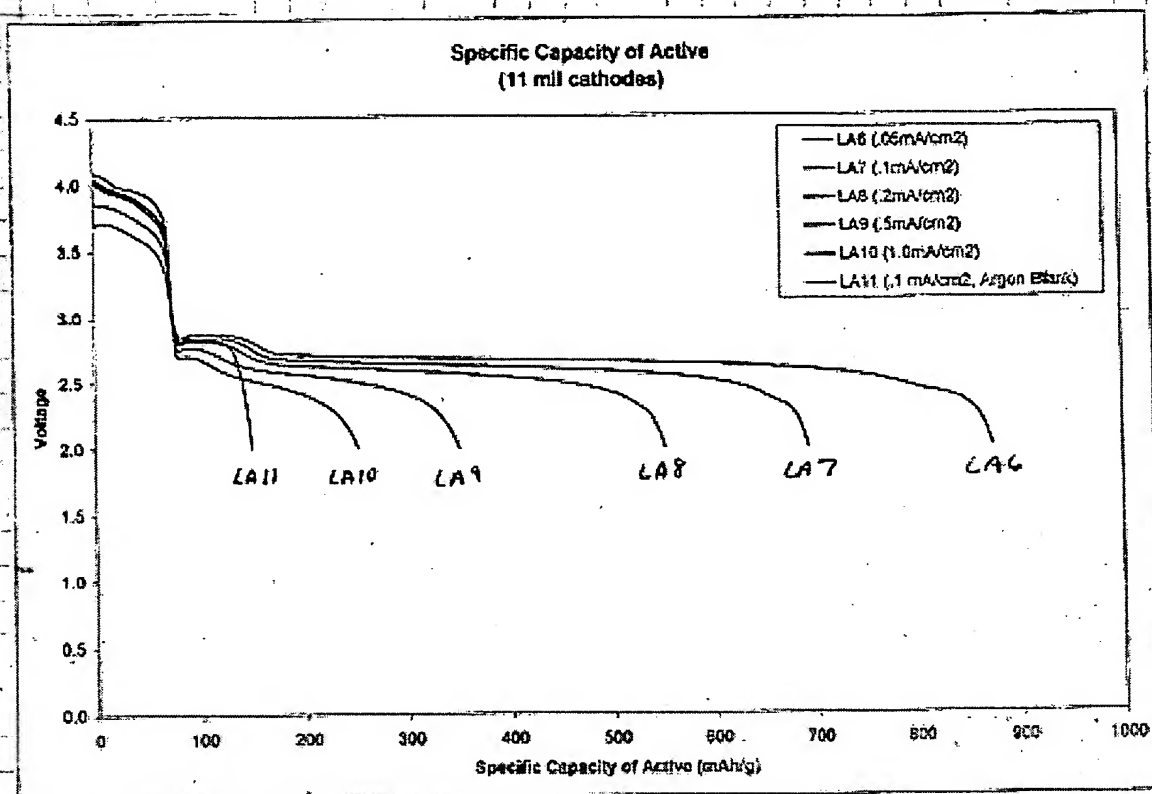
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Results for Li-Air Cells LA6 - LA11

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The Specific Capacity of the Active components (Li-MnO_2 + Carbon) decreases quite rapidly with discharge rate. The specific capacity of the electrode in the absence of O_2 is shown in LA11 where only the Li-MnO_2 capacity discharges. The limited rate capability may be due to slow kinetics of the O_2 reduction or O_2 solubility in the electrolyte.

The energy density plot for these cells shows a maximum of nearly 2500 Wh/kg at 0.05 mA/cm², extremely high for any battery system.

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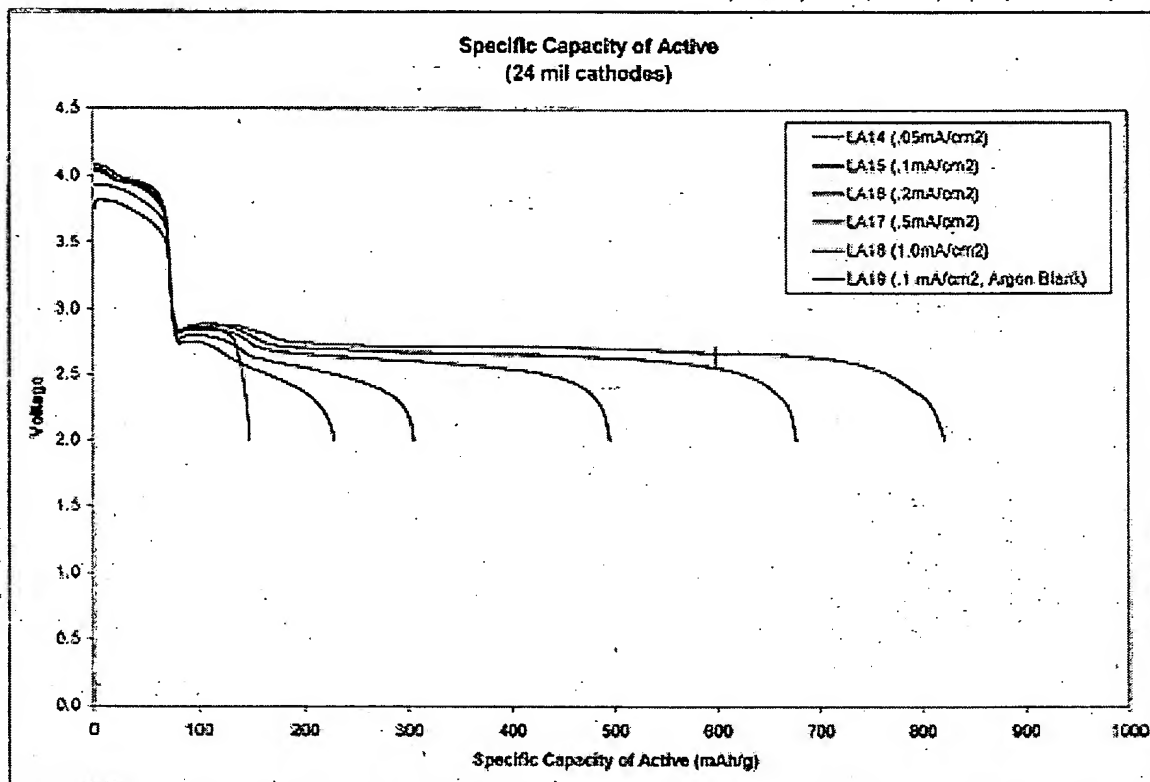
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Results for Li-Air Cells LA14-LA19

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Cells LA14-LA19 show identical behavior to those of LA6-LA11 with some slight decrease in capacity due to the thickness of the electrodes being 24 mils instead of 11 mils.

| rate | Spec Cap Active (mAh/g) | | Spec Cap Carbon (mAh/g) | | Specific Cap of Cathode (mAh/g) | | Lambda |
|------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
| | 11 mils | 24 mils | 11 mils | 24 mils | 11 mils | 24 mils | |
| 0.05 | 874 | 822 | 1500 | 1769 | 579 | 545 | 163 |
| 0.1 | 893 | 877 | 1429 | 1388 | 459 | 449 | |
| 0.2 | 562 | 498 | 1059 | 912 | 366 | 328 | 161 |
| 0.5 | 351 | 305 | 531 | 411 | 232 | 202 | |
| 1.0 | 253 | 229 | 273 | 210 | 167 | 151 | 155 |

The table summarizes the results for: Specific Capacity of Active (1.44e), Specific Capacity of Carbon (C), Specific Capacity of Cathode (2.40e + C).

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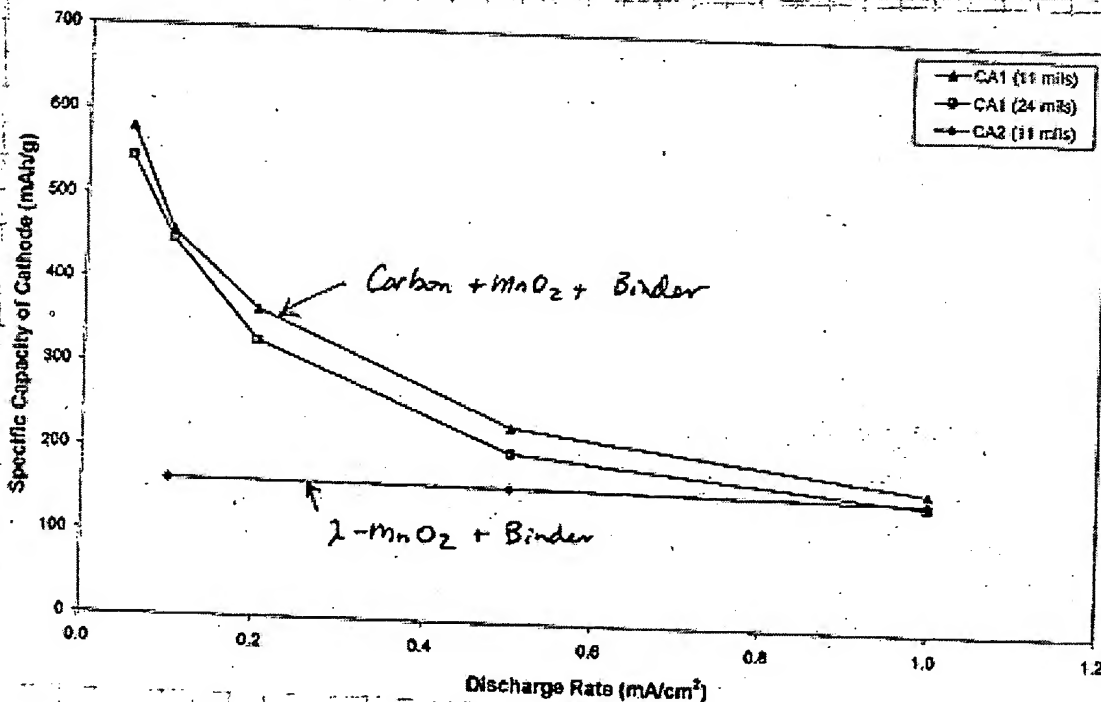
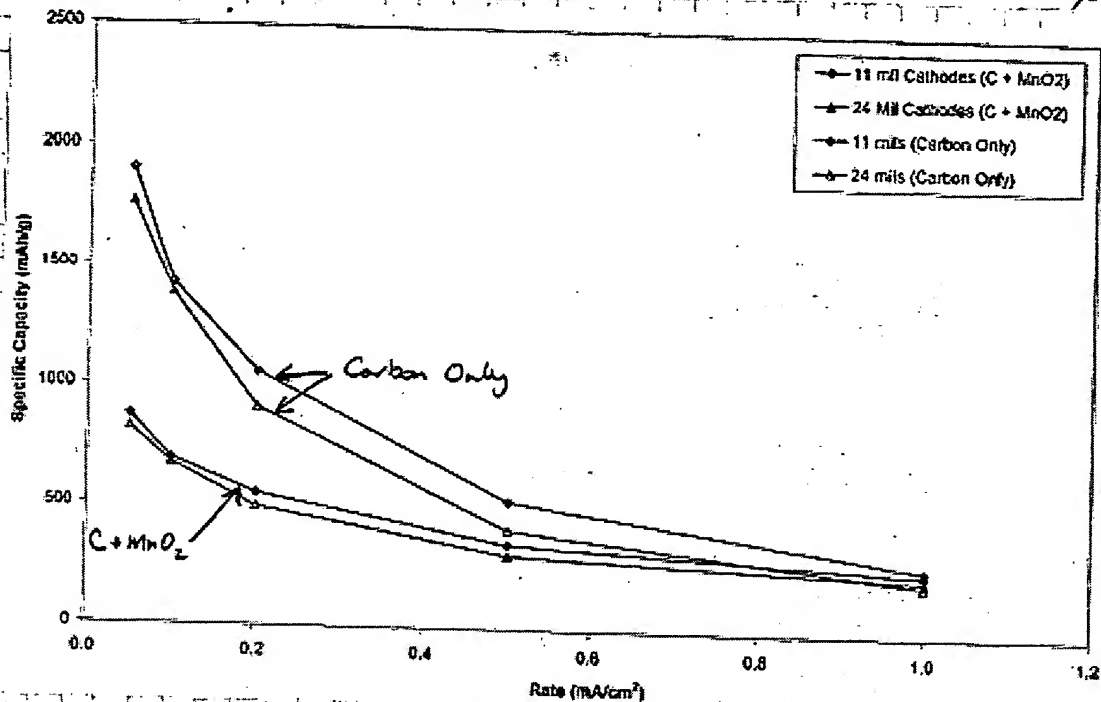
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Rate Curves for LA6-LA19

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The Specific Capacity of the working cathode is much higher in the Li-Air cell than in the Li-2-MnO₂ cell.

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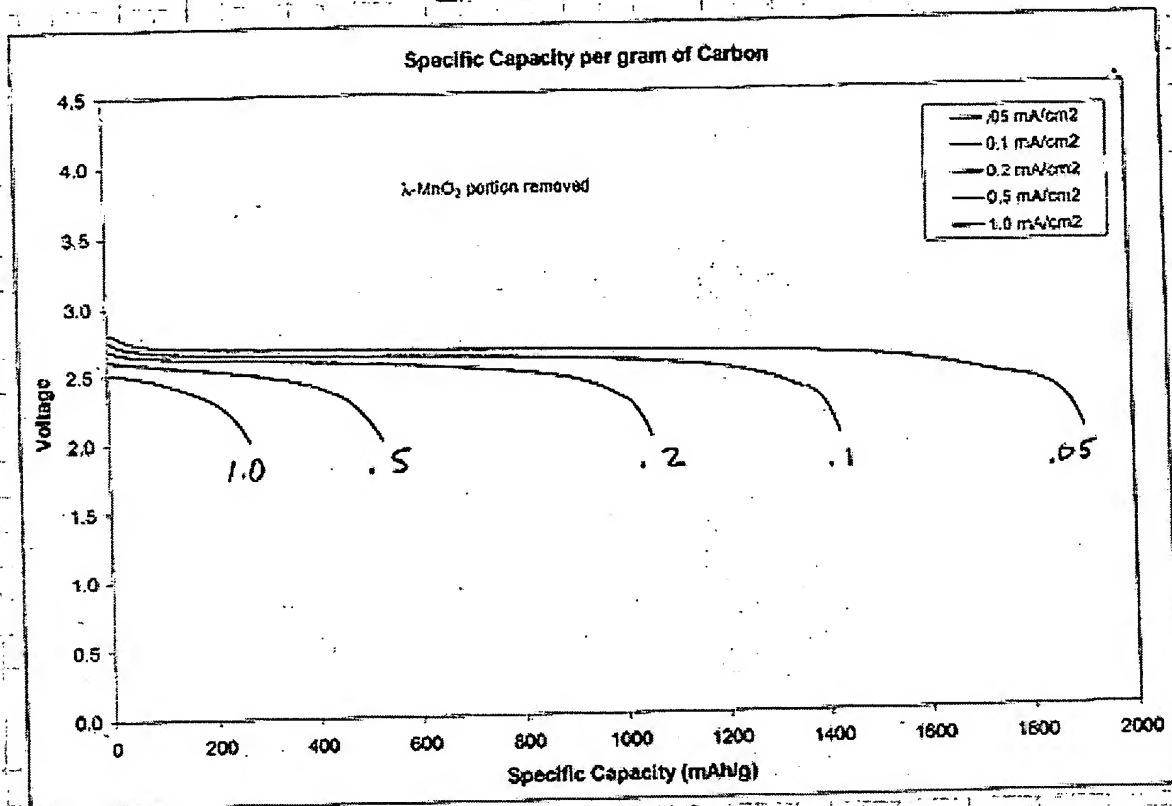
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Li-Air Cells LA6-LA10 (Carbon Specific Capacity) 3/21/01



When the specific capacity of the carbon only is calculated, based on the Super P property, the total specific capacity is exceedingly high. If this type of energy can be realized in a air/cell with 90% carbon, a extremely high energy density can be realized.

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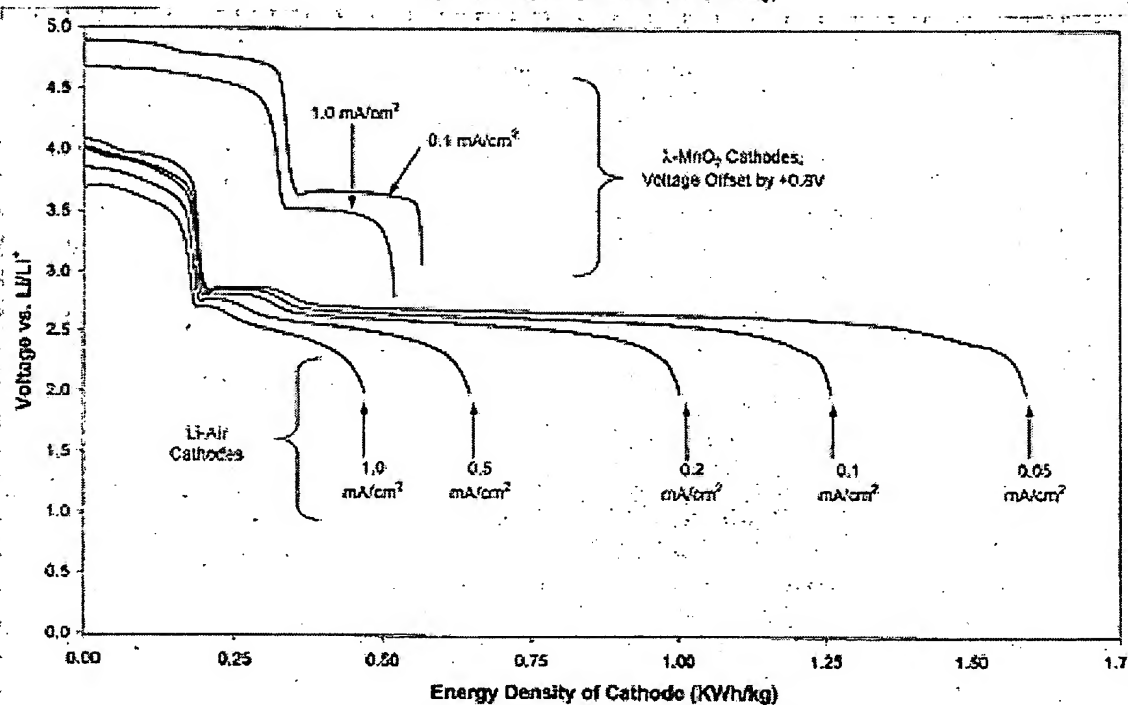
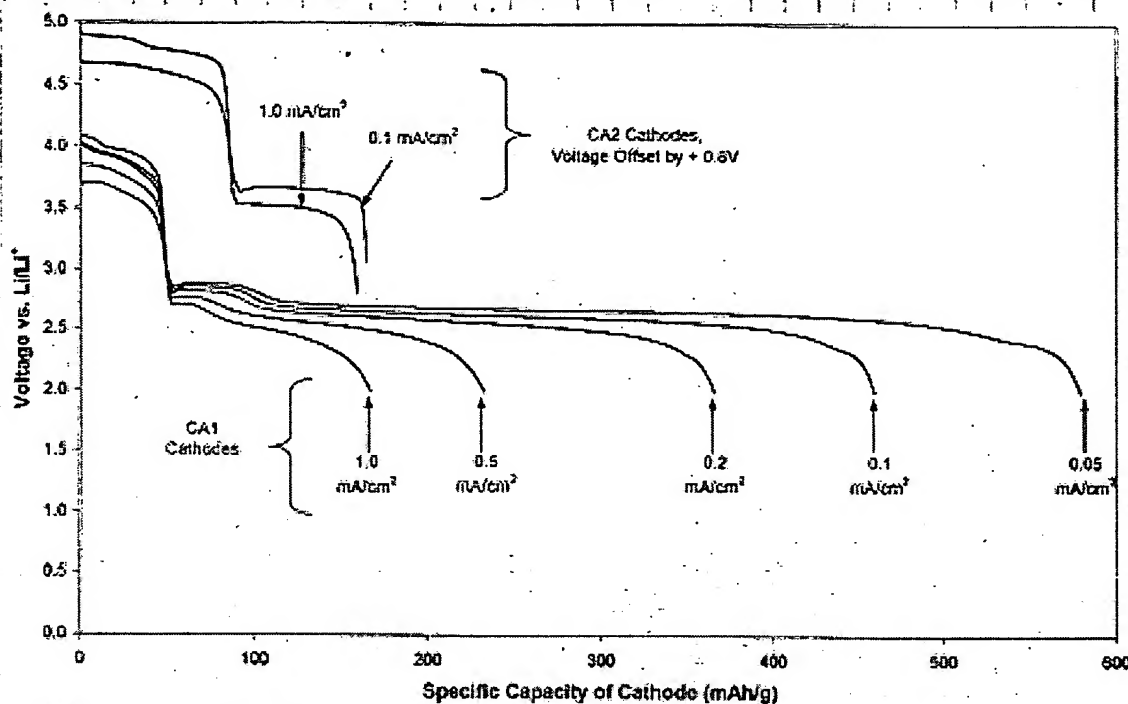
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Comparison of Li-Air to λ -MnO₂

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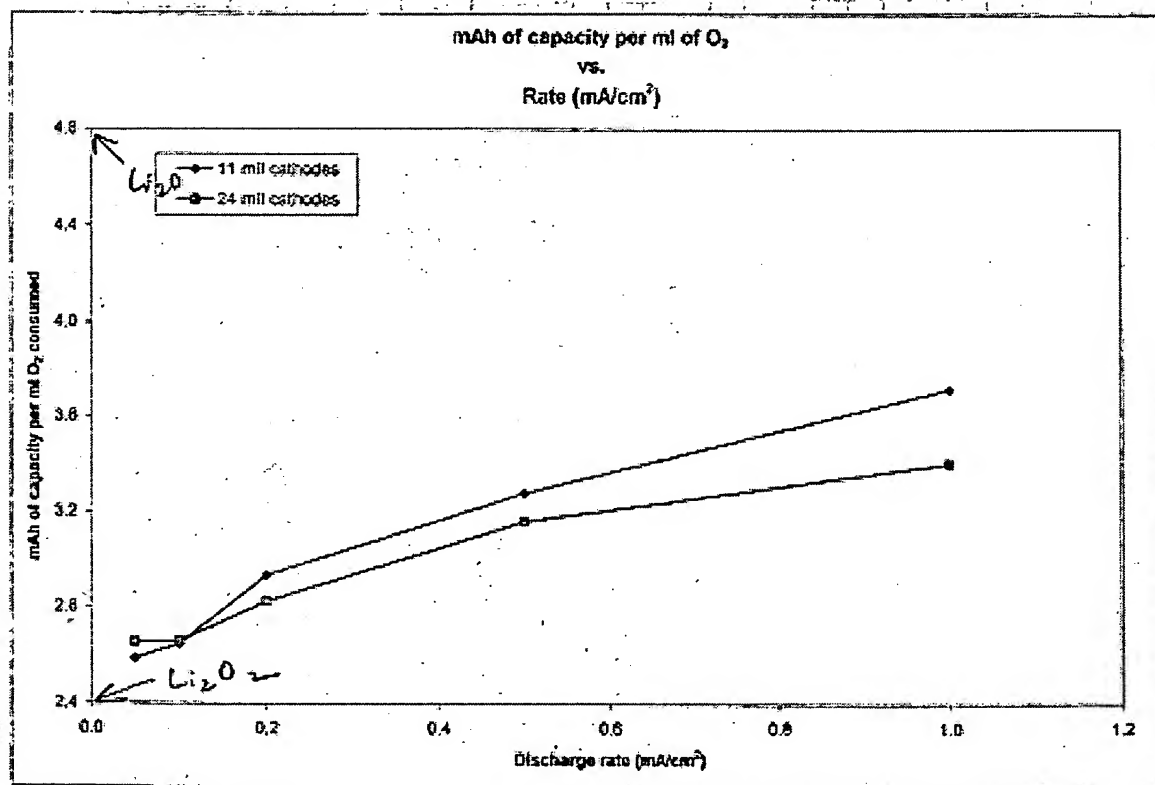
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O₂ gas consumption on Discharge of Li-Air Cells 3/21/01

Gas consumption (pure O₂) was measured for LA6-LA19 after discharge at various rates. The gas consumption ^{rate} decreased as discharge rate increased. The mAh/ml O₂ for the formation of Li₂O₂ is theoretically 2.4 mAh/ml and for Li₂O 4.8 mAh/ml. The graph shows that at lower rates, Li₂O₂ is formed and as rate increases the formation of Li₂O becomes more pronounced.



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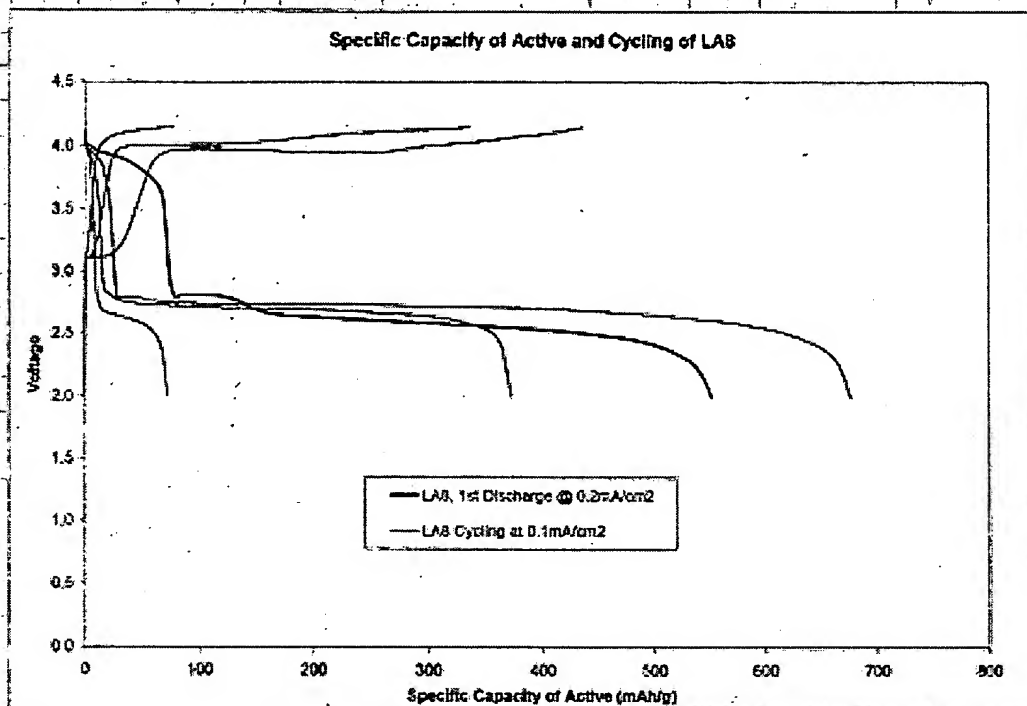
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LA8 Cycling - 0.2 mA/cm^2 initial discharge, 0.1 mA/cm^2 cycling 3/21/01

LA8 was initially discharged at 0.2 mA/cm^2 for rate studies. The cell was taken off of test then put back on to cycle at 0.1 mA/cm^2 between 4.15 V and 2.0 V.



The 1st discharge at 0.2 mA/cm^2 was 550 mAh/g Active. Upon charge 436 mAh/g was recovered. The 2nd discharge was 676 mAh/g . The third, 373 , the fourth, 73 mAh/g .

The capacity fades quickly as the ability of the cell to charge decreases rapidly. The capacity appears to be limited by the cell's ability to recharge.

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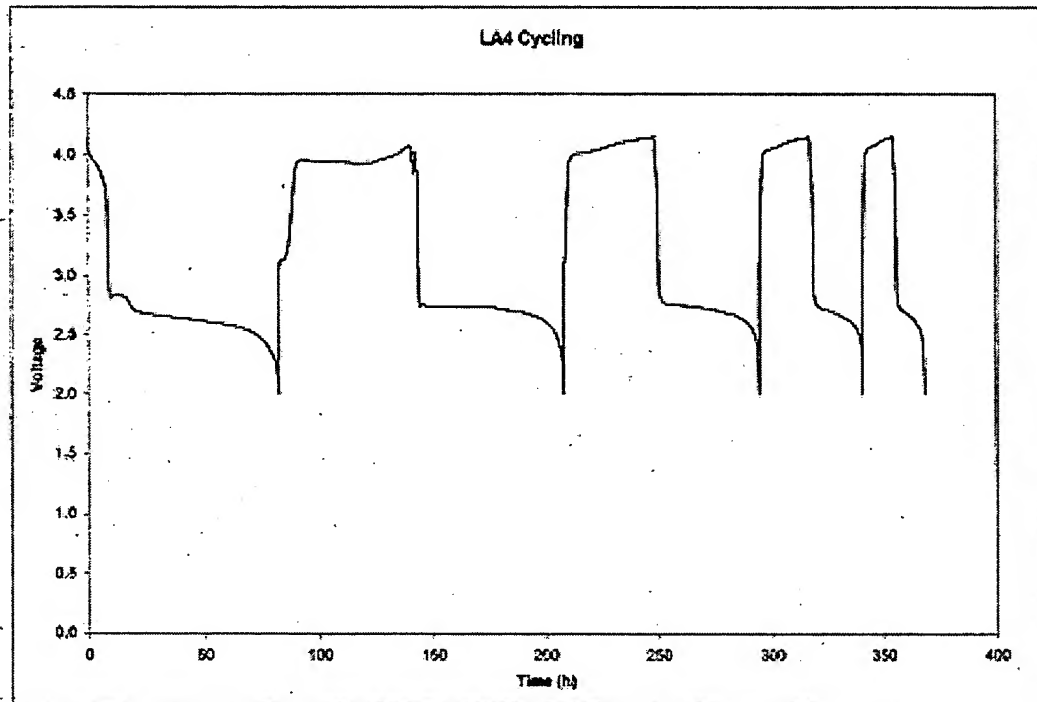
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LA4 cycling

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There were several cells built simply designed to cycle at low rate.
 LA4 was such a cell, cycled between 4.15 V and 2.0 V at 0.1 mA/cm².
 LA5 was cycled between 4.15 V and 2.5 V at 0.1 mA/cm².

The cycling of LA4 is shown below. The capacity fade is apparent on successive cycles.



LA5 showed nearly identical behavior to LA4 even with the higher (2.5 V) cutoff.

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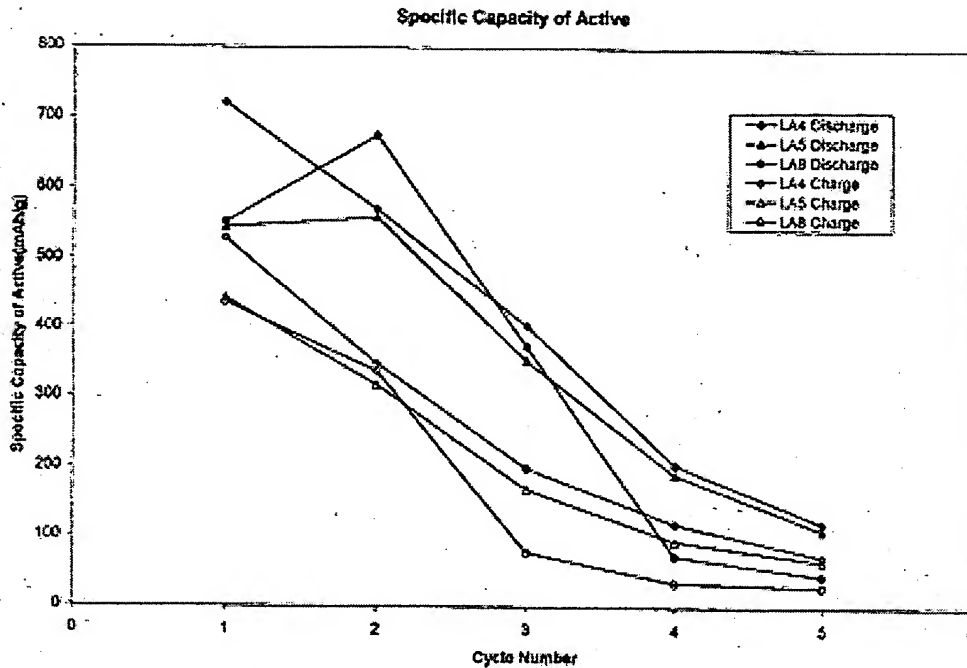
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LA4, LA5 and LA8 Cycling.

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The cells LA4-8 all cycled in similar fashion with the charge capacity determining capacity fade.



Specific Capacity of Active Components

| Cycle | LA4 | | LA5 | | LA8 | |
|-------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Discharge | Charge | Discharge | Charge | Discharge | Charge |
| 1 | 721 | 530 | 545 | 442 | 552 | 436 |
| 2 | 571 | 348 | 559 | 317 | 676 | 337 |
| 3 | 403 | 199 | 352 | 169 | 373 | 78 |
| 4 | 205 | 120 | 191 | 95 | 73 | 35 |
| 5 | 121 | 72 | 111 | 68 | 45 | 29 |
| | 2021 | 1269 | 1758 | 1089 | 1719 | 915 |

The specific capacity of the active components is extremely high, but holds only for several cycles.

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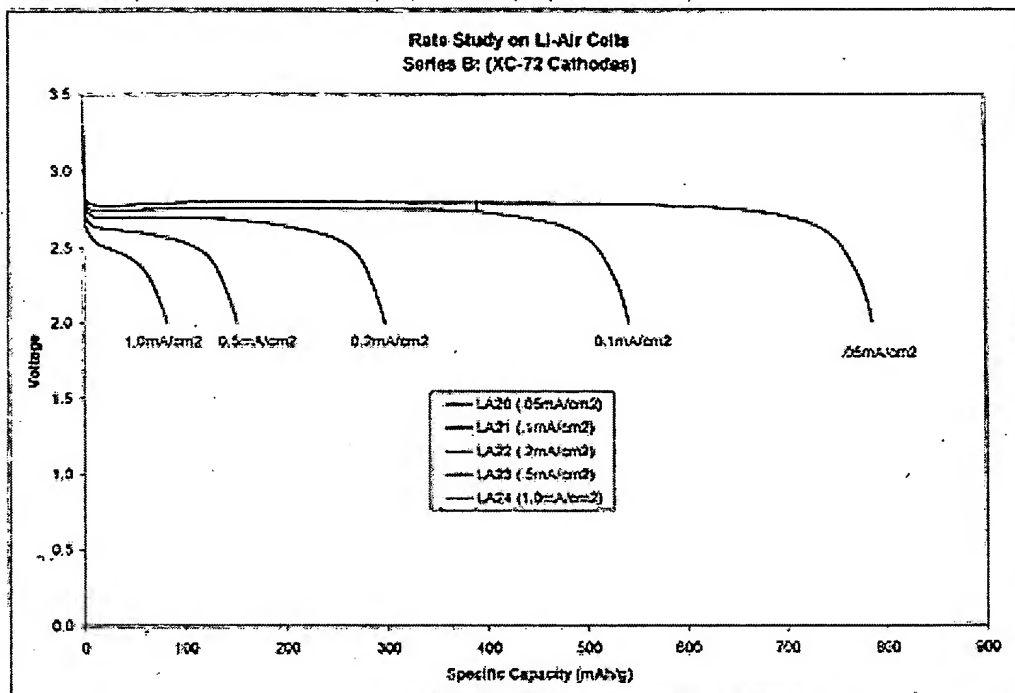
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Li-Air Cells LA20-24 : (XC-72 Carbon)

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Li-Air Series B: 24
Rate BGA (42 mls)

(Series B)

Cells built with higher surface area carbon demonstrated similar performance to the Super P carbon used in cells LA14-LA19. Based on carbon weight alone, the higher surface area material actually performed at a lower capacity.

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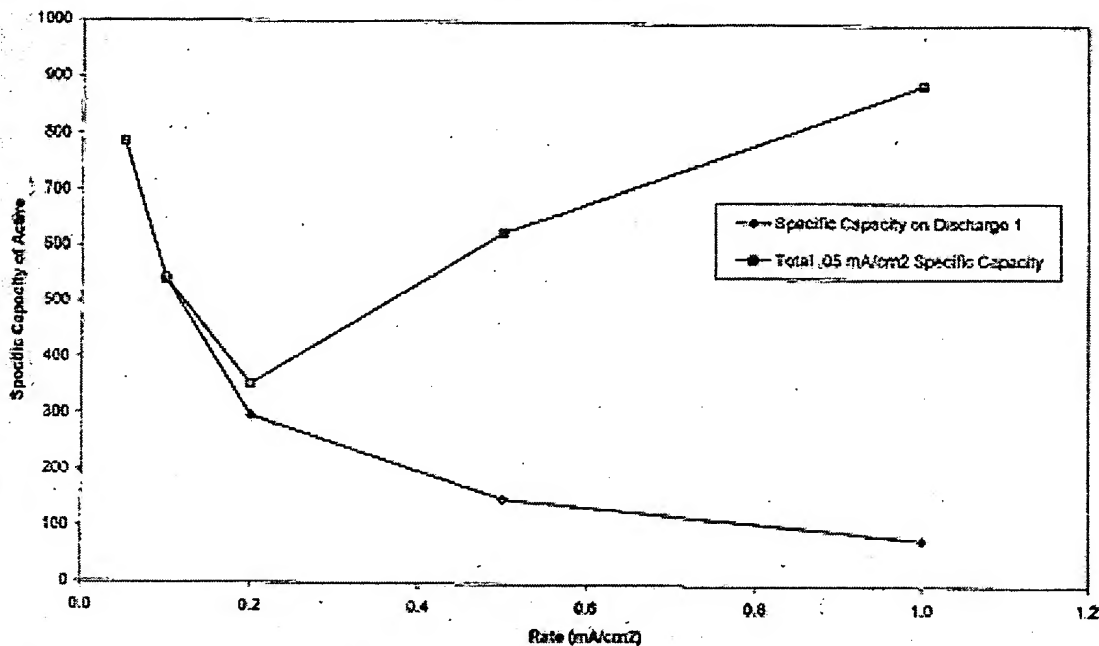
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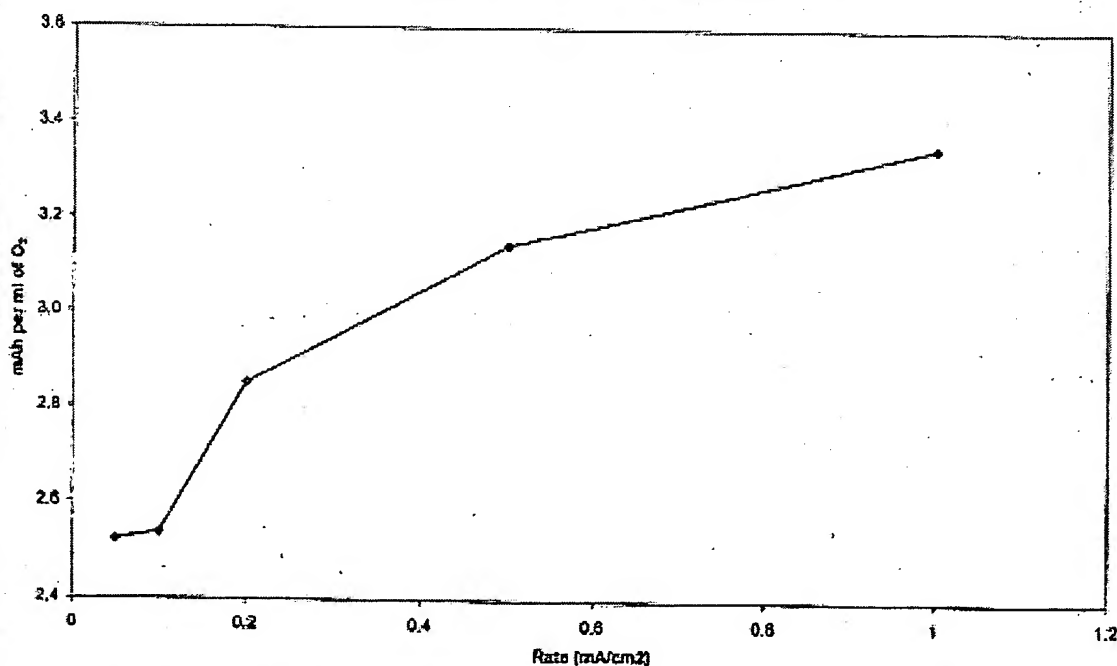
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Specific Capacity vs. Rate for Discharge 1
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Total Specific Capacity with Discharge 2 at .05mA/cm²



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mAh of Capacity per ml O₂ v. Discharge rate (mA/cm²)



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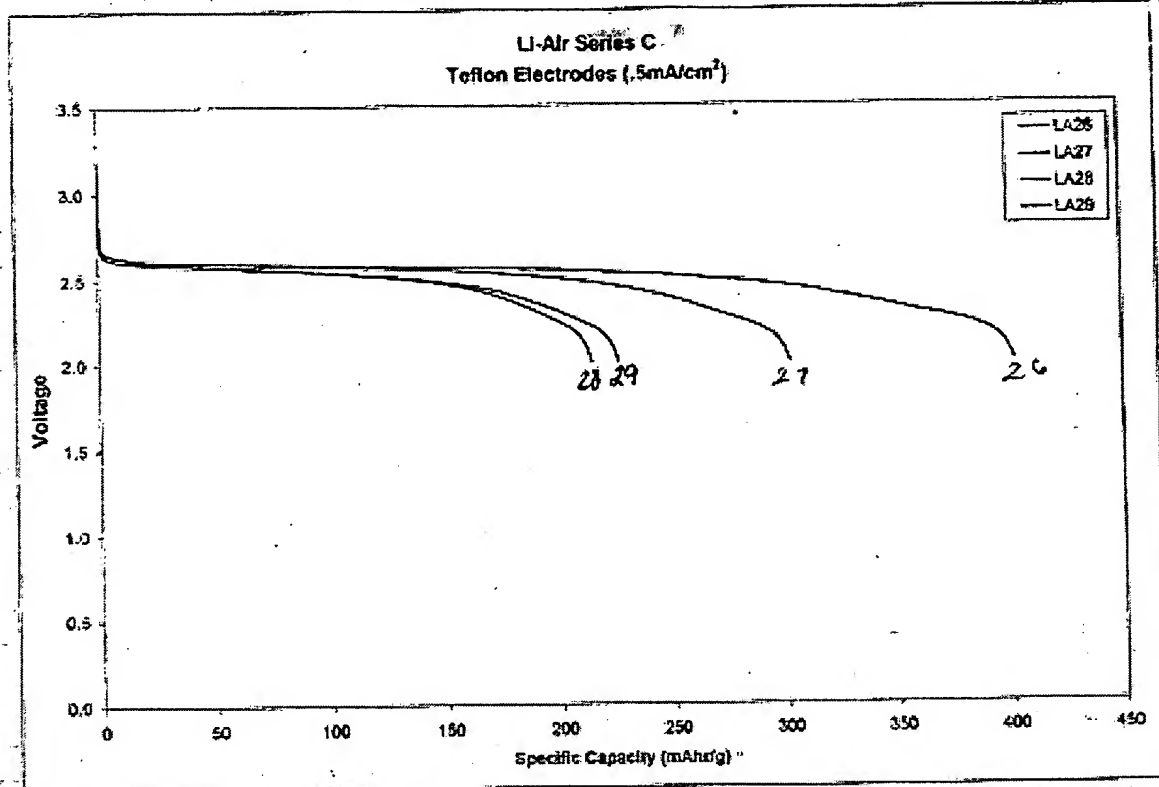
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Li-Air Cells LA26-LA29 Teflonated Electrodes, Super P 3/2



- Teflonated Electrodes of Super P (91% carbon) were discharged at $.5 \text{ mA/cm}^2$.
- The electrodes performed similarly to the Super P in LA4-LA19. Thus on a per gram carbon basis, the capacity was similar.
- Upon discharge of cells LA27, 28 & 29 at $.1 \text{ mA/cm}^2$, an additional (at pr) 500, 315 & 485 mAh/g of capacity is extracted.

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MICA Grid Treatment - Prep. (1:1 MICA: Super P) 3/28/01

Super P = 270.14g

IPA = 54.9690g

DEWater = 54.0280g

MICA D-209 = 13.0050g

The mixture was homogenized for 10 minutes on level 4 on the PRO 250

1MLPF₆ - X-BL Electrolyte Prep. (50 ml) 3/28/01

X-BL Water Runs: Run 1: 33.2 µg/2ml = 16.6 µg/ml

Run 2: 32.2 µg/2ml = 16.1 µg/ml

L: PF₆ = 7.87/8g1MLPF₆ - X-BL final volume = 46 ml

Lot#: N4P23A

Electrolyte turned brown after several days

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Electrolyte Studies for Li-Air (Series A) 3/30/01

Cathode: N3P92A (10 mils)
 Electrolytes: 1 mL PF_6 w/ PC
 1 mL PF_6 w/ γ -Butyrolactone
 1 mL PF_6 w/ EC/DME (2:1)

| Cell # | Cathode wt. | Separator | Electrolyte (3ml) | Test |
|--------|-------------|--------------|---|------------|
| LA30 | .1881 | Celgard 2300 | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME (1:1) N3P92A | Gas Volume |
| LA31 | .1874 | | 1 mL PF_6 EC-DME (1:1) N3P92A | Gelling |
| LA32 | .1930 | | 1 mL PF_6 EC-DME (1:1) N3P92A | Gelling |
| LA33 | .1880 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME (1:1) N3P92A | Gas Volume |
| LA34 | .1910 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME (1:1) N3P92A | Gas Volume |
| LA35 | .1879 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME (1:1) N3P92A | Gas Volume |
| LA36 | .1843 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME (1:1) N3P92A | Gas Volume |
| LA37 | .1893 | Rayovac | 1 mL PF_6 EC-DME (2:1) N3P92A | Rate Study |
| LA38 | .1884 | | 1 mL PF_6 EC-DME (2:1) N3P92A | " |
| LA39 | .1836 | | 1 mL PF_6 EC-DME (1:1) N3P92A | " |
| LA40 | .1864 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC N4P25A | " |
| LA41 | .1861 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC N4P25A | " |
| LA42 | .1839 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC N4P25A | " |
| LA43 | .1885 | | 1 mL PF_6 γ -BL N4P23A | " |
| LA44 | .1842 | | 1 mL PF_6 γ -BL N4P23A | " |
| LA45 | .1802 | | 1 mL PF_6 γ -BL N4P23A | " |
| LA46 | .1861 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME (1:1) N4P10A | 40°C |
| LA47 | .1846 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME + TBAHox N4P27A | Rate |
| LA48 | .1782 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME + TBAHox N4P27A | " |
| LA49 | .1845 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME + TBAHox N4P27A | " |
| LA50 | .1754 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME N4P33C | Rate |
| LA51 | .1808 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME N4P33C | Rate |
| LA52 | .1788 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-DME N4P33C | Rate |
| LA53 | .1698 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-THF N4P33A | Rate |
| LA54 | .1790 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-THF N4P33A | " |
| LA55 | .1751 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-THF N4P33A | " |
| LA56 | .1699 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-THF N4P33B | " |
| LA57 | .1736 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-THF N4P33B | " |
| LA58 | .1706 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-THF N4P33B | " |
| LA59 | .1739 | | 1 mL PF_6 PC-THF N4P33B | " |

LA51 @ 300°F, 2 passes
 Aluminum grid treated w/ 1:1 MICA: SuperP

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1 M LiPF₆ PC Electrolyte Prep

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PC Water Test: 2 ml @ 37.6 μ S = 19 μ S/ml2 ml @ 39.0 μ S = 19 μ S/ml

50 ml electrolyte prep

LiPF₆ = 7.8752 g

Lot # N4 P25A

Cycling Study on Li-Air Cells LA 31, LA 32

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- ① Test for 3 hours
- ② Discharge @ 1 mA/cm² to 2.0V
- ③ Charge and Discharge between 4.5V and 2.0V @ 1 mA/cm²
- ④ Cycle 15 cycles.

| Test Name LAX 1B | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cell | Before wt. in air | Before wt. in water | Ch. | After wt. in air | After wt. in water |
| LA 31 | 13.88g | -63.89g | 1 | 13.90g | -53.77 |
| LA 32 | 13.75g | -86.15g | 2 | 13.76g | -76.97 |

Gas Volume Study # 1

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| Cell | Before wt. in air | Before wt. in water | After Discharge wt. in water | After wt. in water |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| LA 30 | 12.35g | -113.27 | -102.64 | 12.40g |

Run all on PCX 1R. (1 mA/cm²)

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Rate Study on Li-Air w 3 electrolytes 4/9/01

Low impedances on LA37-LA45

(Series A)

LA37-LA39 → 150-220Ω (1M LiPF₆ EC:DMC (2:1))

LA40-LA42 → 1000-1500Ω (1M LiPF₆ PC) Poor Sep. wetting?

LA43-LA45 → 40-60Ω (1M LiPF₆ 8-BL)

| Cell | wt in air | Before Disch. wt in water | Ch. | Rate | wt in air | After Disch. wt in water |
|------|-----------|------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| | | 751.21g | | | | 750.22g |
| LA37 | 13.17g | -59.04 | 3 | .05 mA/cm ² | 13.17g | -48.70 |
| LA38 | 12.94g | -69.16 | 4 | .2 mA/cm ² | 12.91g | -65.72 |
| LA39 | 13.00g | -59.52 | 5 | 1.0 mA/cm ² | 13.00g | -59.20 |
| LA40 | 13.35g | -59.24 | 6 | .05 mA/cm ² | 13.35g | -54.94 |
| LA41 | 13.18g | -64.40 | 7 | .2 mA/cm ² | 13.18g | -62.86 |
| LA42 | 13.35g | -48.37 | 8 | 1.0 mA/cm ² | 13.35g | -48.57 -98. |
| LA43 | 12.95g | -61.08 | 20 | .05 mA/cm ² | 12.93g | -51.51 |
| LA44 | 13.31g | -68.67 | 21 | .2 mA/cm ² | 13.31g | -64.88 |
| LA45 | 13.31g | -68.43 | 22 | 1.0 mA/cm ² | 13.31g | -68.03 |

All cells were discharged after a 3-h rest to 2.0V at the rate specified

Rate Study on Li-Air w Briton 100x added PC:ome Elec/ 4/12/01

Low Impedances

LA47, LA48, LA49 → 30-40Ω

| Cell | wt in air | Before Disch. wt in water | Ch. | Rate | wt in air | After Disch. wt in water |
|------|-----------|------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | | | 25°C / 759 mm Hg |
| LA47 | 11.85g | -59.01 | 46 | .05 mA/cm ² | 11.87g | -40.17g |
| LA48 | 12.60g | -66.20 | 47 | .2 mA/cm ² | 12.62g | -57.12g |
| LA49 | 12.75g | -84.53 | 48 | 1.0 mA/cm ² | 12.75g | -83.07g |
| | | 215°C 759 mm Hg | | | | |

Cells discharged at given rate to 2.0V after 3-h rest

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Heat Treatment of AB-Grade EMD (-325 mesh) 4/10/01

Lot # : N3P83A (Initial Sieved Powder)

Initial wt. = 127.1472 g

Final wt = 121.0326 g

380°C for 24 hrs (1:05 - 12:30)
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Lot # N4P27B

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Prep. of 1% Triton-100X PC:DAE Electrolyte

Triton 100X = 1100g

Dissolved into 100 ml of 1M LiPF₆ PC:DAE (N4P10A)

Lot # N4P27A

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Gas Volume Study #2

| Cell | wt. in Air | Before dish. wt. in water | After dish. wt. in water | After dish. wt. in Air |
|------|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| CA33 | 12.89g | -62.74g 21.5°C, 759 | -59.75 21.5°C, 751 | 12.91g |

Impedance -
38Ω @ 10HzRun on PCX5R (.5 mA/cm²)

Initial Buret Volume = 23.8 cc before equilibration

28 cc Near equil.

Final Buret Volume = 32 cc

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HT of Ken-McGee AB Grade EMD

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Lot # 1659 (Not Sieved)

Initial wt = 82.1530g Final wt = 78.5832g

HT @ 380°C in air for 24 hours (2:30p - 1:35p)
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Lot # N4 P28A

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Gas Volume Study # 3

| Cell | Before wt in air | After wt in water | After wt in air | After wt in water | Impedance |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| LA34 | 12.38g | 25°C, 75mV -89.76g | 12.40g | 220°C, 750 -79.86 | 485 @ 10 Hz |

Run on PCX05R PCX2R (.2 mA/cm²)

HT of Ken-McGee AB Grade EMD (+325 mesh)

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Lot # N3 P83B (+325)

Initial wt = 100.7283g Final wt = 95.9547g

HT @ 380°C in air for 24 hours (noon - 6pm)
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Lot # N4 P28B

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HT of γ -MnO₂

Lot # AW-186

Initial wt = 11.7872g

Final wt = 11.6864g

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HT @ 380°C in air for 24 hours (noon - 6pm)
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Lot # N4 P28C

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Water Determinations on dried Solvents 4/18/01PC:DMF (NYP31A)

Run 1: 1.1 ml @ 31.5 μ g = 28.6 μ g/ml To High
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 56.3 μ g = 28.2 μ g/ml

 δ -BL

Run 1: 1.0 ml @ 201.7 μ g = 201.7 μ g/ml To High
 Run 2: 1.0 ml @ 178.0 μ g = 178.0 μ g/ml

THF

Run 1: 1.0 ml @ 20.8 μ g = 20.8 μ g/ml
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 26.1 μ g = 13.0 μ g/ml OK to USE
 Run 3: 0.4 ml @ 6.8 μ g = 17.0 μ g/ml

THF

Run 1: 1.1 ml @ 14.9 μ g = 13.5 μ g/ml OK to USE
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 26.2 μ g = 13.1 μ g/ml

1,4-Dioxane

Run 1: 1.1 ml @ 16.5 μ g = 15.0 μ g/ml OK to USE
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 29.0 μ g = 14.5 μ g/ml

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PC:DMF (NYP31A)

Run 1: 2.0 ml @ 30.3 μ g = 15.2 μ g/ml OK to USE
 Run 2: 2.0 ml @ 29.9 μ g = 15.0 μ g/ml

 δ -BL

Run 1: 1.0 ml @ 55.6 μ g = 55.6 μ g/ml
 Run 2: 1.0 ml @ 31.7 μ g = 31.7 μ g/ml
 Run 3: 1.0 ml @ 54.9 μ g = 54.9 μ g/ml

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~~Preparation of Cycling Cyclic Ethers for PC: Ether~~ ^{OK}

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Preparation of Electrolytes for Rate Study PC: Cyclic Ethers

Electrolytes to Prepare

PC: THF, PC: THP, PC: 1,4 Dioxane all 1:1 w/ LiPF₆: Fw = 151.9 g/mole

50ml each prep.

1M LiPF₆

PC: THF (1:1)

PC: 13.939g + 5.148g + 4.620g + .440g = 24.147g
 THF: 15.399g + 3.458g + 4.045g + 1.027g = 23.929g
 LiPF₆: 7.559g

Lot # N4P33A

1M LiPF₆

PC: THP (1:1)

PC: 15.347g + 8.139g + .490g = 23.976g
 THP: 16.501g + 7.092g + .421g = 24.014g
 LiPF₆: 7.591g

Lot # N4P33B

1M LiPF₆~~PC: THP (1:1)~~1M LiPF₆

PC: 1,4-Dioxane

PC: 14.695g
 1,4-Dioxane: 17.147g
 LiPF₆: 7.664g

Turned to a gelatinous mass.

1M LiPF₆

PC: DME (1:1)

(250ml)

PC: DME: Lot # N4P33B & Lot # N4P31A
 LiPF₆: 38.1282g

Lot # N4P33C

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Rate Study of Li-Air w 3 electrolytes

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| Cell | 2'CO ₂ | Before Disch. (22°C, 75%) wt. in air | wt. in H ₂ O | Ch | Rate | After Disch. wt. in air | wt. in H ₂ O |
|--------|-------------------|---|-------------------------|----|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| ✓ LASO | 28Ω | 13.09g | -59.76 | 1 | .05 mH/cm ² | 13.10g | -42.11g |
| ✓ LAS1 | 32Ω | 12.27g | -74.81 | 2 | .2 mH/cm ² | 12.26g | -64.71g |
| ✓ LAS2 | 34Ω | 11.60g | -83.91 | 3 | 1.0 mH/cm ² | 11.59g | -80.68g |
| ✓ LAS3 | 37Ω | 12.64g | -84.78 | 4 | .05 mH/cm ² | 12.65g | -65.99g |
| ✓ LAS4 | 40Ω | 12.75g | -124.41 | 5 | .2 mH/cm ² | 12.75g | -110.87g |
| ✓ LAS5 | 41Ω | 12.23g | -75.82 | 6 | 1.0 mH/cm ² | 12.22g | -71.35g |
| ✓ LAS6 | 52Ω | 12.91g | -106.59 | 20 | .05 mH/cm ² | 12.90g | -104.66g |
| ✓ LAS7 | 47Ω | 12.70g | -77.16 | 21 | .2 mH/cm ² | 11.61g | -92.75g |
| ✓ LAS8 | 48Ω | 12.53g | -82.57 | 22 | 1.0 mH/cm ² | 11.49g | -82.75g |

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Rate Studies of the Li-Air cell are being done to evaluate the effects of various components on the rate behavior. The electrolyte has a strong effect on rate capability and discharge capacity. It is proposed that electrolytes capable of dissolving O₂ should give better rate capability and discharge capacity.

Oxygen solubility has been determined for several common electrolyte solvents, see Solubility Data Series; v. 7. Oxygen & Ozone, NIST Cell # 8575.01.

| Solvent | Solubility | |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Propylene Carbonate | $1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ O}_2 / \text{cm}^3 \text{ solvent}$ | (Pure O ₂) |
| γ-Butyrolactone | $5.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ O}_2 / \text{cm}^3 \text{ solvent}$ | (Pure O ₂) |
| Tetrahydrofuran | $22 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ O}_2 / \text{cm}^3 \text{ solvent}$ | (Pure O ₂) |
| Tetrahydro-2H-pyran | $22 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ O}_2 / \text{cm}^3 \text{ solvent}$ | (Pure O ₂) |
| Perfluorobutylperfluorotetrahydrofuran | $54 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ O}_2 / \text{cm}^3 \text{ solvent}$ | (Pure O ₂) |
| Dimethyl Sulfoxide | $4.9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ O}_2 / \text{cm}^3 \text{ solvent}$ | (pure O ₂) |

The solvents are useful in Li-Air batteries and should the ones with high oxygen solubility be used, capacity & rate capability should improve.

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